

HB 2565 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure exempts Federal Funded Research and Development Centers from public contracting code. Takes effect on the 91st day adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Description of the current barriers to contracting with Federally Funded Research Centers.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Defines Federally Funded Research and Development Centers

BACKGROUND:

Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC) typically meet a special long-term research or development need which cannot be met as effectively by existing in-house or contractor resources. They are required to operate in the public interest with objectivity and independence, be free from organizational conflicts of interest, and have full disclosure of its affairs to the sponsoring agency. The National Science Foundation maintains a master list of FFRDC's, and new centers are added to the list when the head of the sponsoring agency notifies the Foundation they have been approved.