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Third Reader

Senate Bill 558

(Senator McKay)

Budget and Taxation

Health and Government Operations

Garrett County - Procurement - Bids and Contracts

This bill raises the contract value threshold – from \$25,000 to \$50,000 – above which the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, or any employee of Garrett County, must solicit bids in one or more newspapers. The bill also exempts contracts for professional services required to be licensed by the State of Maryland from the bid solicitation requirement, but otherwise authorizes such contracts to be solicited by written bids.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill pertains only to Garrett County.

Local Effect: None. The bill is procedural in nature and does not directly affect governmental finances in Garrett County.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Except for the acquisition of used personal property, the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, or any employee of Garrett County, must advertise for bids in one or more newspapers circulated in the county if the contract value exceeds \$25,000.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 907 (Delegate Hinebaugh) - Health and Government Operations.

Information Source(s): Garrett County; Department of Legislative Services

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