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SB 995 Carroll County - Contracts and Purchases

Senator Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Health, and Environment Committee,

Senate Bill 995 would allow the Carroll County Commissioners to increase the formal bid limit from \$25,000 to \$35,000 for approval by the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing. The formal bid limit was last adjusted in 2001 when it was raised from \$11,000 to \$25,000 (HB 1034 Ch. 519).

The primary reasons for increasing the limit are; 1) to keep pace with inflation (\$25k in 2001 equates to \$36k in 2019), and; 2) the amount of work required to conduct a formal bid is not justified for the few bids that fall within this range (in FY18/19 3% of formal bids came in between \$25k and \$35k). The Commissioners approved the proposal in a unanimous vote on 12/21/19.

The Carroll County Senators voted in favor of SB 995 3-0. I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 995.