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**Senator Justin Ready**  
**SB 897** Carroll County - Contracts and Purchasing

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Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and members of the Budget and Tax Committee:

Senate Bill 897 was requested by the Carroll County commissioners. It would increase the threshold below which the County's Procurement Officer may approve bids. The commissioners would like the threshold which is currently at \$25,000 be raised to \$50,000. The request was made for two reasons, 1) it serves to keep up with inflation, and 2) it will ease the amount of work required to conduct a formal bid for the very few bids that fall between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Procurement staff are simply executing items that are in the already approved budget. The last time bid amount was raised was in 2001 and it was raised from \$12,000 to \$25,000 (2001 HB 1034)

A link to the bid process and open bids can be found at:

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/comptroller/procurement/bidding-procedures/>

The Carroll Senate and House Delegation voted unanimously in favor of SB 897, a letter from the Carroll County Commissioners, a letter of support from the delegation and voting sheet are also included.

I respectfully request a **favorable** vote on Senate Bill 897.