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BILL: House Bill 289 - State Contracts - Prohibited Provisions

COMMITTEE: House Health & Government Operations

DATE: January 23, 2024

POSITION: Letter of Information

Upon review of House Bill 289: State Contracts - Prohibited Provisions, the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) provides these comments for your consideration.

This bill prohibits certain provisions from being included in state contracts and would generally be favorable to the state. This would provide clarification and references from Procurement Officers to use during this process and limit the need to negotiate.

Additional mandatory contract provisions are being codified, which will provide statutory reference for Procurement Officers to use.

DGS conducts Statewide and agency specific procurements, and oversees procurements for Executive Branch Agencies for Architectural and Engineering Services, Commodities, Construction Services, Facilitates Maintenance, Information Technology and Professional Service to obtain services and products for the State. While this would be beneficial to the state as they negotiate contracts, it remains to be seen if it would detract potential bidders.

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