

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 692

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Broussard

**PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Provides relative to local government subdivisions entering into an agreement with group purchasing organizations.**

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DIGEST

Proposed law authorizes local governments to use group purchasing organizations (GPOs) for materials, equipment, supplies, services or associated installations. Requires the GPO to submit a price list and maintain those prices for at least three months and for those prices to be deemed a valid and binding bid.

Proposed law prohibits the price lists from being considered public records, but provides that the portion of the price list incorporated into a contract becomes a public record upon bid opening or contract execution.

Proposed law defines “qualified group purchasing organization” as an organization of which two or more of the local governmental subdivisions are participating or voting members and which solicit proposals or bids from vendors of materials, equipment, supplies or services of the type and nature as may be purchased by any such department, agency, or nonprofit corporation. Includes an external procurement activity as defined in present law (R.S. 39:1556).

Proposed law authorizes local governments to purchase through a qualified GPO when the price is lower than state contract pricing or when the item is not available on the state bid list. Prohibits purchases through non-qualified entities without using other state procurement processes.

Proposed law provides that a contract may be awarded for a required supply, service, or major repair without competition when, under regulations, the chief procurement officer or his designee above the level of procurement officer determines, in writing that there is only one source for the required supply, service, or major repair item.

(Adds R.S. 38:2212.1(Q) and (R))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

- 1. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the engrossed bill

- 1. Adds "services" to list that local governmental subdivisions can purchase from qualified group benefit organizations.
- 2. Allows contracts to be awarded when only one source for the required supply, service, or major repair item.
- 3. Makes technical changes.