

State Bidding Procedures; Senate Sub. for HB 2157

Senate Sub. for HB 2157 implements changes concerning bidding procedures for passenger vehicles by state agencies and also public works construction projects bid on by governmental entities. The bill establishes the Competitive Bid Protection Act. When contracting for public works construction, governmental entities are prevented from requiring bidders, contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers to enter into any kind of project labor agreement with a labor organization. Governmental entities are prohibited from discriminating based upon the presence or absence of a project labor agreement. Any agent responsible for procuring a contract directly between the governmental entity and contractor also is prohibited. The bill does not prohibit formation of voluntary project labor agreements. Contractors, design-builders, or construction managers can require subcontractors or material suppliers to enter into a collective bargaining agreement.

In addition, the bill requires any state agency purchasing a passenger motor vehicle to give any vehicle manufactured in Kansas that meets the exact specifications of the purchasing agency a three percent bid preference against any vehicle not manufactured in Kansas.