FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to bidding requirements.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators McCaslin, Haugen, Winsley, Heavey and Sheldon).

Senate Committee on Government Operations House Committee on Government Operations

Background: There are no provisions which assign any consequences to a low bidder for county, city, town, state, or special purpose district contracts for labor and materials or goods and services, in the event that he or she claims error. A claim of error can result in all bids being void and new bids being solicited.

Summary: If a low bidder claims error and fails to enter into a contract, he or she is prohibited from bidding on the same project if a call for second or subsequent bids is made for that project. This provision applies to projects for the state, cities, towns, special purpose districts, and counties for all public works, projects, labor and materials, and for purchases made by the Department of General Administration for the state and its agencies and departments.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 47 0 House 95 0

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