
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1432

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO PROVISIONS CONCERNING STATE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES SELECTION PANELS AND ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN REPORTING PROVISIONS.

SUMMARY

This bill increases the value threshold, from \$5 million to \$7.5 million, that determines whether a Department of Administrative Services (DAS) construction services selection panel must have three members (for projects valued below the threshold) and five members (for projects valued at or above the threshold). By law, DAS must establish a panel to evaluate proposals to provide consultant (e.g., architect or engineering) services if the estimated cost of those services exceeds \$750,000 (adjusted for inflation after July 1, 2024). Generally, a panel must review submitted proposals, select at least three firms that are most qualified to perform the required services, and submit a list of these firms to the DAS commissioner for her consideration.

The bill also repeals unrelated requirements for:

1. DAS to report quarterly to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Government Administration and Elections committees on the status of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's facilities and the Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center's parking garage;
2. DAS to prepare of list of companies in the state that changed their business model to produce personal protective equipment (PPE) during the COVID-19 epidemic; and
3. state agencies buying PPE to make reasonable efforts to buy at least 25% of it from the companies on the DAS list.

Lastly, the bill makes various technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025, except that the repealing provisions are effective upon passage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 6 (03/26/2025)