

HB1046\_L.006

## HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Transportation & Energy.HB15-1046 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 "SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby finds and declares that:

4 (a) It is the responsibility of state agencies to find and promote  
5 more efficient ways to use taxpayer dollars;

6 (b) The department of transportation is implementing several  
7 efficiency processes as part of a comprehensive internal review of its  
8 project cost estimating process;

9 (c) This act reflects the department's ongoing efforts to provide  
10 transparent administrative processes for better use of taxpayer dollars;

11 (d) A variety of factors, including labor costs, material costs, and  
12 economic variables, influence cost estimates for department construction  
13 projects;

14 (e) Under current law, if there are fewer than three bidders for a  
15 department construction project, the department cannot make an award  
16 if the bids exceed statutory limits, resulting in longer project timelines  
17 and additional fiscal impacts to the department;

18 (f) These statutory requirements for awarding contracts when  
19 there are fewer than three bidders are some of the most stringent in the  
20 country;

21 (g) Under specific circumstances, this act allows the department  
22 to conduct a thorough bid analysis to evaluate the low bid for a  
23 construction project when fewer than three bids are received; and

24 (h) It is therefore necessary, appropriate, and in the best interest  
25 of the state to enact this act and thereby create an efficient and transparent  
26 process to allow more construction projects to be completed throughout  
27 the state."

28 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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