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HOUSE BILL DRH30061-LM-39

Short Title: NCORR/Increase Informal Bid Threshold. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Pless.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT INCREASING THE INFORMAL BID THRESHOLD FOR CONTRACTS FOR  
3 CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR WORK RELATED TO DISASTER RECOVERY  
4 UNDERTAKEN BY THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND  
5 RESILIENCY.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-131 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 143-131. When counties, cities, towns and other subdivisions may let contracts on**  
9 **informal bids.**

10 (a) All contracts for construction or repair work or for the purchase of apparatus, supplies,  
11 materials, or equipment, involving the expenditure of public money in the amount of thirty  
12 thousand dollars (\$30,000) or more, but less than the limits prescribed in G.S. 143-129, made by  
13 any officer, department, board, local school administrative unit, or commission of any county,  
14 city, town, or other subdivision of this State shall be made after informal bids have been secured;  
15 provided, however, ~~that that~~:

16 (1) The University of North Carolina and its constituent institutions shall be  
17 required to comply with the provisions of this subsection for all contracts for  
18 construction or repair work involving the expenditure of public money in the  
19 amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more, but less than the  
20 limits prescribed in G.S. 143-129.

21 (2) The North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency shall be required to  
22 comply with the provisions of this subsection for all contracts for construction  
23 or repair work related to disaster recovery involving the expenditure of public  
24 money in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) or  
25 more, but less than the limits prescribed in G.S. 143-129. For purposes of this  
26 subdivision, the term "construction" shall include the purchase of  
27 manufactured housing units.

28 All such contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, taking into  
29 consideration quality, performance, and the time specified in the bids for the performance of the  
30 contract. It shall be the duty of any officer, department, board, local school administrative unit,  
31 or commission entering into such contract to keep a record of all bids submitted, and such record  
32 shall not be subject to public inspection until the contract has been awarded.

33 ...."

34 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to contracts  
35 awarded on or after that date.

