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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Hays) recommended the following:

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Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 255.0992, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

255.0992 Public works projects; prohibited governmental actions.-

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Political subdivision" means a separate agency or unit

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11	of local government created or established by law or ordinance
12	and the officers thereof. The term includes, but is not limited
13	to, a county; a city, town, or other municipality; or a
14	department, commission, authority, school district, taxing
15	district, water management district, board, public corporation,
16	institution of higher education, or other public agency or body
17	thereof authorized to expend public funds for construction,
18	maintenance, repair, or improvement of public works.
19	(b) "Public works project" means an activity that is paid
20	for in whole or in part with state funds and that consists of
21	the construction, maintenance, repair, renovation, remodeling,
22	or improvement of a building, road, street, sewer, storm drain,
23	water system, site development, irrigation system, reclamation
24	project, gas or electrical distribution system, gas or
25	electrical substation, or other facility, project, or portion
26	thereof that is owned in whole or in part by any political
27	subdivision.
28	(2)(a) Except as required by federal or state law, the
29	state or any political subdivision that contracts for a public
30	works project may not require that a contractor, subcontractor,
31	or material supplier or carrier engaged in such project:
32	1. Pay employees a predetermined amount of wages or
33	prescribe any wage rate;
34	2. Provide employees a specified type, amount, or rate of
35	employee benefits;
36	3. Control, limit, or expand staffing; or
37	4. Recruit, train, or hire employees from a designated,
38	restricted, or single source.
39	(b) The state or any political subdivision that contracts

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40	for a public works project may not prohibit any contractor,
41	subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier able to perform
42	such work who is qualified, licensed, or certified as required
43	by state law to perform such work from submitting a bid on the
44	public works project or being awarded any contract, subcontract,
45	material order, or carrying order.
46	(3) This section does not apply to contracts executed under
47	chapter 337.
48	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.
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51	And the title is amended as follows:
52	Delete everything before the enacting clause
53	and insert:
54	A bill to be entitled
55	An act relating to public works projects; creating s.
56	255.0992, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting the
57	state and political subdivisions that contract for
58	public works projects from imposing restrictive
59	conditions on certain contractors, subcontractors, or
60	material suppliers or carriers; prohibiting the state
61	and political subdivisions from restricting qualified
62	bidders from submitting bids or being awarded
63	contracts; providing applicability; providing an
64	effective date.

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