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H. F. No. **3841**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; increasing the contract ranges in the Uniform
1.3 Municipal Contracting Law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 471.345,
1.4 subdivisions 3, 4.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 471.345, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Contracts over ~~\$100,000~~ \$175,000**. If the amount of the contract is estimated
1.8 to exceed ~~\$100,000~~ \$175,000, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice in the manner
1.9 and subject to the requirements of the law governing contracts by the particular municipality
1.10 or class thereof. With regard to repairs and maintenance of ditches, the provisions of section
1.11 103E.705, subdivisions 5, 6, and 7, apply.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 471.345, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.13 Subd. 4. **Contracts exceeding \$25,000 but not ~~\$100,000~~ \$175,000**. If the amount of
1.14 the contract is estimated to exceed \$25,000 but not to exceed ~~\$100,000~~ \$175,000, the contract
1.15 may be made either upon sealed bids or by direct negotiation, by obtaining two or more
1.16 quotations for the purchase or sale when possible, and without advertising for bids or
1.17 otherwise complying with the requirements of competitive bidding. All quotations obtained
1.18 shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt thereof.

1.19 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.20 Sections 1 and 2 are effective August 1, 2018, and apply to contracts entered into on or
1.21 after that date.