LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 814

Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to amend section 73-504,
- 2 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to provide a procedure
- 3 for resolving protests of service contract procurement protests; to
- 4 require rules and regulations; to harmonize provisions; and to
- 5 repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. Section 73-504, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 2 2016, is amended to read:
- 73-504 (1) Except as provided in section 73-507:
- 4 (a) (1) All state agencies shall comply with the review and
- 5 competitive bidding processes provided in this section for contracts for
- 6 services. Unless otherwise exempt, no state agency shall expend funds for
- 7 contracts for services without complying with this section;
- 8 (b) (2) All proposed state agency contracts for services in excess
- 9 of fifty thousand dollars shall be bid in the manner prescribed by the
- 10 division procurement manual or a process approved by the Director of
- 11 Administrative Services. Bidding may be performed at the state agency
- 12 level or by the division. Any state agency may request that the division
- 13 conduct the competitive bidding process;
- 14 (c) (3) If the bidding process is at the state agency level, then
- 15 state agency directors shall ensure that bid documents for each contract
- 16 for services in excess of fifty thousand dollars are prereviewed by the
- 17 division and that any changes to the proposed contract that differ from
- 18 the bid documents in the proposed contract for services are reviewed by
- 19 the division before signature by the parties;
- 20 (d) $\frac{4}{4}$ State agency directors, in cooperation with the division,
- 21 shall be responsible for appropriate public notice of an impending
- 22 contractual services project in excess of fifty thousand dollars in
- 23 accordance with the division's procurement manual and sections 73-501 to
- 24 73-510; and
- 25 (e) (5) State agency directors, in cooperation with the division,
- 26 shall be responsible for ensuring that a request for contractual services
- 27 in excess of fifty thousand dollars is filed with the division for
- 28 dissemination or web site access to vendors interested in competing for
- 29 contracts for services.
- 30 (2) The Department of Administrative Services shall immediately
- 31 adopt and promulgate rules and regulations providing that any protest of

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1 <u>an agency procurement decision awarded pursuant to this section involving</u>

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- 2 <u>an award in excess of XXX dollars shall be deemed to be a contested case</u>
- 3 under the Administrative Procedure Act and shall be subject to judicial
- 4 <u>review under section 84-917.</u>
- 5 Sec. 2. Original section 73-504, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 6 Supplement, 2016, is repealed.