

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/HB 705 — Public Works Projects

by Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee and Rep. Shoaf
(CS/SB 742 by Community Affairs Committee and Senator Grall)

Current law prohibits the state or political subdivisions from imposing certain requirements such as regional preference, minimum wages, and single source hiring on contractors for competitively bid public works projects utilizing state-appropriated funds. The bill revises the definition of “public works project” related to this prohibition to include those paid for with local or state funds, rather than limited to projects including state funding.

The bill clarifies that the term “public works project” does not include the provision of goods, services, or work incidental to the public works project, such as the provision of security services, janitorial services, landscaping services, maintenance services, transportation services, or other services that do not require a construction contracting license or do not involve supplying or carrying construction materials for a public works project.

The bill provides an exception permitting a county or municipality to engage in local preference-limiting eligible bidders for projects based on geographic location of the contractor, subcontractor, or supplier with respect to public works projects for which the local government is the sole funding source.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 28-12; House 80-32