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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House

Representative Hukill offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Remove lines 316-344 and insert:

- (m) Any contractor may be considered ineligible to bid by the governmental entity if the contractor has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects such as safety, tax withholding, workers compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years.
- (2) The threshold amount of \$300,000 \$200,000 for construction or \$75,000 \$50,000 for electrical work, as specified in subsection (1), must be adjusted by the percentage change in the Engineering News-Record's Building Cost Consumer Price Index from January 1, 2009 1994, to January 1 of the year 024039

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in which the project is scheduled to begin.

- (3) All county officials, boards of county commissioners, school boards, city councils, city commissioners, and all other public officers of state boards or commissions that are charged with the letting of contracts for public work, for the construction of public bridges, buildings, and other structures must always specify lumber, timber, and other forest products produced and manufactured in this state if whenever such products are available and their price, fitness, and quality are equal. This subsection does not apply to when plywood specified for monolithic concrete forms, if when the structural or service requirements for timber for a particular job cannot be supplied by native species, or if when the construction is financed in whole or in part from federal funds with the requirement requirements that there be no restrictions as to species or place of manufacture.
- (4) Any qualified contractor or vendor who could have been awarded the project had the project been competitively bid has shall have standing to challenge a the propriety of the local government's actions to determine if the local government has complied with when the local government seeks to invoke the provisions of this section. The prevailing party in such action is shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees. Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2009.

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TITLE AMENDMENT

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Remove line 16 and insert:

transit or transportation systems; authorizing governmental entities to consider certain contractors ineligible to bid; revising the index and

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