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H.P. 543

House of Representatives, March 4, 2025

An Act to Increase Government Transparency in the Procurement of Goods and Services

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and
Representatives: CHAPMAN of Auburn, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, Senators:
BICKFORD of Androscoggin, GROHOSKI of Hancock, HICKMAN of Kennebec,
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

3 **15. Records.** The Director of the Bureau of General Services shall preserve and make
4 available on a publicly accessible website all records and documents regarding the
5 competitive bidding process, including a notice of intent to waive competitive bidding
6 under subsection 2 and all underlying supporting documents and all requests for proposals
7 and all underlying supporting documents, including responses, accepted responses and any
8 related financial agreements, and may not delete or destroy any records, correspondence or
9 financial agreements related to the procurement of goods or services except as required by
10 law.

11 **Sec. 2. Record recovery.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services
12 shall to the extent possible recover and publish on a publicly accessible website all past
13 notices of intent to waive the competitive bidding process and all underlying supporting
14 documents.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department
17 of Administrative and Financial Services to preserve and make available on a publicly
18 accessible website all records and documents related to the competitive bidding process,
19 including notices of intent to waive competitive bidding. This bill also directs the
20 department to recover and publish past notices of intent to waive competitive bidding.