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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 147  
Offered by Senator Steve Rauschenberger

WHEREAS, The current Illinois Procurement Code was enacted in 1998 as a comprehensive and sweeping reform of the State's procurement and purchasing practices; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Procurement Code stipulates that all State construction contracts must be procured through competitive sealed bidding; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Procurement Code states that all construction contracts that exceed \$250,000 are required to have separate specification and bidding for plumbing, heating, ventilation, electrical wiring, and general contract work; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 735 of the 92nd General Assembly was introduced to amend the Illinois Procurement Code and add "masonry" to the list of categories requiring separate bidding for State construction contracts; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Development Board issued a fiscal note for Senate Bill 735 stating that this legislation is expected to raise the costs of projects by as much as ten percent to cover increased design, coordination, and administration costs, with the yearly impact estimated to be \$45,000,000; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Development Board also stated that Senate Bill 735 is expected to raise the Agency's administration costs by approximately \$1,000,000 in the first year and \$600,000 yearly thereafter; and

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WHEREAS, Some would question if increasing the number of categories requiring bids would increase State cost by as much as \$45,000,000, if reducing the number of categories requiring separate bidding would decrease the cost of projects by as much as \$45,000,000 per category; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General shall study the possible effects of eliminating the five separate specifications for bidding on State construction contracts as a means of reducing the cost of State construction projects; and be it further

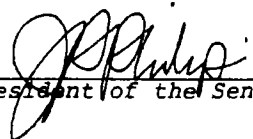
RESOLVED, That the study shall include the fiscal impact on the State of Illinois, construction contractors and construction sub-contractors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study shall include an analysis of using design-build practices for State construction projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor General shall report its findings and recommendations to the Illinois Senate no later than May 1, 2002; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Auditor General.

Adopted by the Senate, May 29, 2001.

  
President of the Senate

  
Secretary of the Senate