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MEMORANDUM

To: House committee on Appropriations
From: Daniel Yoza, Assistant Revisor
Date: January 19, 2016
Subject: SB 249; Competitive bidding

Senate bill 249 makes several changes to K.S.A. 75-3739. This statute deals with the competitive bidding process for state agencies.

First, the bill adds an exception to the competitive bid process. The exception is a case where repairs to a vehicle are required and it is impracticable to take the vehicle to multiple vendors to determine what is necessary to effectuate the repairs and the cost of such repairs.

Second, the bill raises the threshold amount of purchases made without competitive bids that are required to be reported to the legislature. Currently, purchases of \$5,000 or more must be reported. This bill would raise the amount to \$10,000.

Third, the bill changes the sealed bid process. Currently, purchases of between \$5,000 and \$25,000 may be made by sealed bids. This bill would raise the threshold amount to \$10,000. Purchases under \$10,000 will be made under conditions and procedures created by the director of purchases.

Finally, under current law, the director of purchases may delegate authority to state agencies to make purchases of under \$25,000. This bill raises the threshold to \$50,000.

The effective date of this bill is upon publication in the statute book.

Because this is a carryover bill from the previous legislative session, a few technical amendments will need to be made to this bill.