

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation ensures accountability to the laws passed by the legislature by providing for expedited judicial review of state purchasing decisions that commit taxpayer funds. Current law gives the Director of the Department of Administration, who oversees the Division of Purchasing and appoints its Administrator, the sole decision-making authority whether to allow or deny judicial review of state purchasing decisions. There is no known instance of the Director allowing judicial review of a purchasing decision made by the Administrator. The legislation also ensures fairness in the appeals process by pausing the deadline to submit an administrative appeal until public records related to the purchasing decision are provided pursuant to the Public Records Act.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation causes no additional expenditure of funds and there is no increase or decrease in revenue for state or local government and therefore has no fiscal impact.

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