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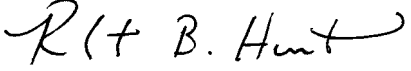
H.P. 543

House of Representatives, March 4, 2025

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

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

  
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.