Montana Legislative Services Division

Legal Services Office

TO: State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

FROM: K. Virginia Aldrich

DATE: August 21, 2014

RE: Legislative Administrative Rule Review Report

Pursuant to 5-5-228, MCA, the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee is responsible for reviewing administrative rules within its jurisdiction. Staff for the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee has prepared this report for informational purposes only. This report does not represent any action or opinion of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee and does not preclude additional action that may be taken by the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee pursuant to its authority under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act (Title 2, chapter 4, MCA).

MAR NOTICE NUMBER: 2-5-518

AGENCY/BOARD: Department of Administration

RULE CLASSIFICATION: (e.g. substantive/interpretative/emergency/temporary):

Substantive

SUBJECT: State procurement of supplies and services

NOTICE DESCRIPTION: (e.g. proposal notice/adoption notice): Notice of proposed

amendment

SUMMARY OF RULE(S):

The Department of Administration proposes to amend one rule concerning state procurement of supplies and services. The Department proposes to amend the amount allowed for supplies using a limited solicitation procedure. Currently, if authorized in a written delegation agreement, a division or state agency can procure between \$5,001 and \$25,000 using a limited solicitation procedure. The Department proposes to raise the amount to \$5,001 to \$50,000 for supplies. Only supplies are affected under the proposed rule; the amount for a limited solicitation procedure for services will remain \$5,001 to \$25,000. The Department proposes to change the amount for supplies as a result of a recommendation from state agency directors that was identified during the Governor's 2014 Effective Government Work Group meetings, and the Department believes the change will allow agencies to procure additional supplies in a more efficient manner.

NOTES: (e.g. hearing dates)

A public hearing is scheduled on the above-referenced rules on September 17, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 53, Mitchell Building, 125 North Roberts Street, Helena, Montana. The public comment period ends on September 19, 2014.

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