

SJ 35: INTERIM STUDY OF DPHHS PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

TASKS LISTED IN STUDY RESOLUTION

- Identify the circumstances under which the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) deviates from the Montana Procurement Act and how frequently those circumstances occur.
- Identify the policies and procedures that the agency uses when determining whether it must follow the standard procurement practices or how it otherwise determines whether to seek bids or proposals for services.
- Review the statutes and administrative rules related to state agency procurement, including the federal laws and regulations governing public assistance programs, the procurement procedures for federally funded programs administered by the Department of Public Health and Human Services, and the state statutes and administrative rules specific to the provision of human services.
- Determine whether practical obstacles, including the emergency needs of clients served by the agency, affect the department's procurement procedures.
- Obtain an accounting of the amount of money the department has paid to vendors who were selected outside of the standard procurement process.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS IN STUDY RESOLUTION

- The study include input from appropriate stakeholders.
- All aspects of the study, including presentation and review requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2022.
- The final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions, comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 68th Legislature.