

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Mike Krusee, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2828** by Hamric (Relating to the powers and duties of a navigation district or port authority.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would add an item purchased from the United States or from Texas, including a Texas state agency, to those items purchased by a navigation district or port authority that are exempt from the requirements of Sections 60.404 (Competitive Bidding) and 60.405 (Proposal Procedures), Water Code. The bill would also authorize a district or an authority to enter into a contract with the United States or Texas, including a Texas state agency, for a contract valued at \$25,000 or more in the aggregate for each 12-month period.

The bill would provide that a navigation district that adopts a safety or security code, policy, or manual may not be sued for noncompliance with that code, policy, or manual.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

The provisions of the bill would provide flexibility in purchases, which could result in savings. By providing immunity from being sued for noncompliance of codes, policies, or manuals adopted for safety or security, provisions of the bill would protect a navigation district from incurring certain legal costs and losses.

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