

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4493  
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Transportation  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Cities, counties, school districts, and a variety of other governmental entities throughout Texas are each responsible for purchasing items and services. Under current law, a city has a limit of \$50,000 for procurement through the sealed bid method.

H.B. 4493 increases to \$50,000 the threshold amount above which Galveston Wharves, also known as the Port of Galveston, may award a contract only by competitive bidding.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4493 amends the Transportation Code to authorize, except as otherwise provided by the law governing harbor and port facilities in certain municipalities, the board of trustees of a facility located in a municipality to which that law applies to award a contract involving the expenditure of more than \$50,000, rather than more than \$25,000, only by competitive bidding.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the act does not receive the necessary vote, the act takes effect September 1, 2009.