

1-1 By: Eiland (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 4493  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2009;  
1-3 May 14, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 18, 2009, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 18, 2009, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to contracts awarded through competitive bidding by  
1-10 certain port and harbor facilities.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 54.054(a), Transportation Code, is  
1-13 amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, the board  
1-15 may award a contract involving the expenditure of funds in excess of  
1-16 the amount applicable to an expenditure of funds by a municipality  
1-17 under Section 252.021(a), Local Government Code, [more than  
1-18 \$25,000] only by competitive bidding.

1-19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-23 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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