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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| S.B. 1179 |
| By: Nelson |
| Transportation |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Interested parties contend that some uncertainty exists regarding which types of contracts the governing body of a coordinated county transportation authority may authorize the negotiation of without competitive sealed bids or proposals. S.B. 1179 seeks to provide clarification and make this procurement process more efficient and transparent. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **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**  S.B. 1179 amends the Transportation Code to specify that the authorization for a coordinated county transportation authority's governing body to authorize the negotiation of a contract without competitive sealed bids or proposals for a contract for services or property for which there is only one source or for which it is otherwise impracticable to obtain competition includes a contract for items that are available from only one source because of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or natural monopolies; gas, water, and other utility services; and captive replacement parts or components for equipment. The bill removes that authorization with respect to a contract for services for which competitive bidding is precluded by law and includes in that authorization a contract for planning services. The bill revises that authorization with respect to a contract for an authority project awarded for alternate project delivery using the procedures under Government Code provisions relating to contracting and delivery procedures for construction projects. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017. |