

## **HB 2212- Small Purchase raised from \$5K to \$10K**

Public Purchasing staff across the state provide an outstanding value every day to the citizens of this state and their public agencies. We are constantly looking for ways to do more with less. We're able to accomplish this through a variety of methods: greater cooperation across agencies, process improvement, automation, and rule changes.

This change in the small purchase limit would allow us to more effectively use the purchasing tools we have in place: P-cards, direct pays, and branded marketplaces like ORPIN and the one we have at Multnomah County. It would allow greater efficiency from a transactional perspective- primarily fewer Purchase Orders and more direct pays.

In looking back over the past year, had this change been in place, Multnomah County would have had at least \$6,000 per year in transactional savings.

I believe that this change to the small purchase limit will help us be more efficient without compromising the integrity of our public purchasing system.

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