



February 22, 2018

Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 4127A: Relating to a consultant selection process for a public contract for certain services.

Dear Chair Riley, Vice-Chair Hass, and members of the Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability,

The City of Beaverton supports House Bill 4127, with the -1 amendment, which will provide increased transparency and accountability, better access and competitions, and ensure the best value to the taxpayer in the procurement of certain professional services. The bill provides public contracting agencies with two qualifications-based selection processes. The existing process in statute remains for those jurisdictions that want to continue to use it. The new selection process allows public contracting entities to consider pricing information from the highest qualified consultants before making a selection. The -1 amendment provides a simple, but important, clarification that linear negotiation requirements in statute only apply to the existing qualifications-based selection process, and not the alternative process.

The City of Beaverton is committed to providing the best value services for the public, ensuring the high qualifications and a reasonable cost with budget. By providing the ability for agencies to issue an RFQ, select up to five qualified firms, and make final selections based on requested pricing information, allows fair competition for all qualified businesses including emerging businesses who can compete on price and removes the pricing negotiating process which could lead to increased cost.

I urge you to support House Bill 4127A and increase the efficiency of government agencies to procure contracting services that represents the best overall value for the community. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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David Donaldson
Public Works Director