

- SUBJECT:** Developing a model contract for low-risk state procurements
- COMMITTEE:** Government Efficiency and Reform — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 6 ayes — Harper-Brown, Perry, Capriglione, Stephenson, Scott Turner, Vo
0 nays
1 absent — Taylor
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Annie Mahoney, Texas Conservative Coalition)
Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Under Government Code, ch. 2262, subch. C, the contract advisory team is established assist agencies with their contracting practices. The contract advisory team provides recommendations to the Comptroller of Public Accounts regarding its development of the contract management guide.

Sec. 2262.051 requires the comptroller to develop and maintain a contract management guide for state agency use. It must include model provisions for state agency contracts, such as the maximum contract periods under which a new competitive solicitation is not necessary. Agency staff must adhere to the rules and requirements for procurement, even with minor, low-risk contracts.
- DIGEST:** HB 2873 would amend Government Code, sec. 2262.051 to require the contract advisory team to identify the types of contracts that pose a low risk of loss to the state. The team then would have to develop a model contract management process for use with these low-risk procurements.

The model contract management process developed by the contract advisory team would have to be included in the comptroller's contract management guide for state agencies. The comptroller would include in the guide recommendations on the appropriate use of the model.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2013.