

Chairperson:Bill AveryCommittee:Government, Military and Veterans AffairsDate of Hearing:January 28, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 168 allows the state purchasing bureau to use a reverse auction to acquire goods if the bureau determines it would be advantageous to the state.

Reverse auction is defined as a process in which a) bidders compete to provide goods in an open and interactive environment, b) the bids are opened and made public immediately, and c) bidders are given opportunity to submit revised bids until process is complete.

If the bureau conducts a reverse auction, it will provide notification of the intent to use reverse auction and an award will be made to the lowest responsible bidder. The bureau may contract with a thirdparty vendor to conduct a reverse auction.

Principal Introducer:

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