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BILL ANALYSIS

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 331
SPONSOR: Senator Waugh

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Summary

- Amends the Housing Authorities Law.

Analysis

- Increases the minimum amount which must be bid through a public advertising process for the following:
 - \$10,000 to \$25,000
 - Any construction, erection, installation, completion, alteration, repair of, or attrition to any projects subject to the control of any Authority; and
 - Any purchase of supplies materials, or equipment, or the rental of any equipment.
- Advertisement for bids by purchasing materials or contracting for services piecemeal for the purpose of obtaining prices under a certain amount upon multiple transactions which could be conducted as one transaction is raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000.
- Written or telephonic price quotations from at least three qualified and responsible contractors are raised from \$4,000 to \$7,000.
- Department of Labor and Industry shall annually adjust the project amount by calculating the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI- U).
- The annual adjustment shall be calculated between October 1 and November 15 of each year and published in the Pennsylvania bulletin.

Effective Date

- This act would take effect immediately.