

Comment Report

SF 500

A bill for an act relating to the establishment, repair, and improvement of drainage and levee districts, including by requiring proof of professional liability insurance by civil engineers and providing for rights of landowners.

Subcommittee Members: Guth-CH, Hogg, Shipley

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Comment: Please see our attached comments



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Honorable Senators Guth, Hogg, and Shipley

Thank you for consideration of the following comment regarding [Senate File 500](#). The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) is monitoring SF 500 for our awareness as part of our disaster recovery work.

Districts participating in Stafford Act programs following a Presidential Disaster Declaration will be required to comply with federal procurement and contracting regulations. For this reason, HSEMD suggests aligning procurement and contracting language within the bill to the Code of Federal Regulations (2CFR Part 200).

The specific portion of the bill that conflicts is in regard to noncompetitive bidding for projects under \$50,000 (Section 12, page 6, line 23). [Under 2 CFR Part 200](#), competitive bidding is always required.

We would be available to work on any amendment language or can be available for any further discussion or questions you may have in regard to this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Blake DeRouchey", with a checkmark at the end.

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