



RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2017-22

Opposing House Bill 278 Relating to Exemptions from the Procurement Code

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislator has introduced House Bill 278, which modifies the procedures for the use of exemption from the Procurement Code under §13-1-98, NMSA, and which seeks to decrease the use of §13-1-98, NMSA, by governmental entities including counties. The Bill seeks to limit fewer sole source procurement determinations being issued by central purchasing agencies for governmental entities; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill 278 attempts to accomplish this result by requiring governmental agencies to provide a thirty (30) day public posting requirement for purchases otherwise exempt under §13-1-98, NMSA of the Procurement Code which will result in additional delay, administrative cost and burdens for the acquisition of items, goods and services needed for the smooth operation of county business; and,

WHEREAS, the purposes of the posting requirement are already served and accomplished by the County's policy to negotiate a fair market and competitive price with all vendors including exempt vendors under sole source determinations; and,

WHEREAS, the original intent of the exemptions set forth in §13-1-98 was to reduce the administrative cost associated with certain purchases; and,

WHEREAS, if passed, the adoption of House Bill 278 would result in more administrative cost thereby hindering day-to-day operations and functionalities of Roosevelt County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY THAT the Roosevelt County Board opposes the adoption of House Bill 278. The enactment of this Bill would result in additional delay, administrative costs and burdens for the County in the acquisition of items, goods and services needed for the efficient operation of County business and, for these reasons; the Roosevelt County Commission opposes the adoption of House Bill 278.




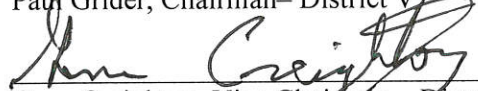
PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2017.

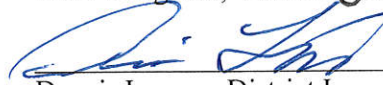
**BODY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**


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