

HB 448 -- Open Contracting Act

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This bill establishes the Open Contracting Act. The state and political subdivisions when procuring products, letting contracts, issuing grants, or entering into cooperative agreements for construction products are prohibited from: (1) requiring contractors to enter into or adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations on the same or related projects; (2) discriminating against contractors for refusing to become or remain signatories or otherwise adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations on the same or related contracts; and (3) requiring any contractor to enter into any agreement that requires its employees to become members of a labor organization or pay dues to a labor organization.

An interested party, including a bidder, contractor, or taxpayer, may challenge any bid specification, project agreement, controlling document, grant, or cooperative agreement in violation of this law and will be awarded costs and attorney fees if a challenge succeeds.