Overview

This bill relates to municipal contracting and purchasing. It permits counties to use credit cards for county purchasing, raises the threshold amounts for contracting methods, and permits local governments to make purchases through national municipal association purchasing alliances or cooperatives.

1. **Credit cards.** Permits a county board to authorize the use of a credit card by a county officer or employee otherwise authorized to make a purchase on behalf of the county. Makes an officer or employee personally liable for unauthorized purchases. Requires all purchases to comply with all laws, rules, or policies governing county purchases.

2. **Contracts over $35,000 for municipalities of less than 2,500 population; $50,000 for all others.** Raises the threshold contract amount for sealed bids under the uniform municipal contracting law.

3. **Contracts from $10,000 to $35,000 for municipalities of less than 2,500 population; $50,000 for all others.** Raises the threshold contract amount for direct negotiation under the uniform municipal contracting law.

4. **Cooperative purchasing.** Permits a municipality to contract for the purchase of materials, supplies or equipment through a national municipal association’s purchasing alliance or cooperative that purchases from more than one source on the basis of competitive bids or competitive quotations.