



Representative Lindsey Holmes

House Bill 262 Sectional Analysis

An Act exempting the Public Defender Agency and the office of public advocacy from certain provisions of the State Procurement Code; and providing for an effective date.

Section 1 of the bill, adding new section to AS 36.30.015, would exempt the Public Defender Agency and the office of public advocacy from the requirement of seeking the attorney general's approval in legal matters if the attorney general is an adverse party.

Section 2 of the bill, amending AS 36.30.3059(a), would provide the Public Defender Agency and the office of public advocacy the same authority for small procurements as currently exists for the Department of Law.

Section 3 of the bill, amending AS 36.30.850(b)(2), would extend to the Public Defender Agency and the office of public advocacy the same exemption from the State Procurement Code for contracts for expert witnesses and conflict legal counsel currently provided to the Department of Law.

Section 4 of the bill, amending AS 36.30.850(b)(31), extends procurement exemption to conflict counsel for Public Defender Agency and the office of public advocacy.

Section 5 confers immediate effective date under AS 01.10.070(c).