

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 761  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The Veterans Land Board (VLB) is allowed to spend VLB funds on contracts to make improvements on VLB-owned land in order to repair or prepare land for sale to a veteran. Currently, VLB must put out for bid any contract over \$10,000. However, the General Land Office, and other state agencies have a \$25,000 limit before those agencies must put a contract out for bid. As proposed, S.B. 761 increases VLB's limit to \$25,000 before a contract must be put out for bid.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 161.175(c), Natural Resources Code, to increase, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the maximum amount a contract awarded by the Vereran's Land Board can be without soliciting or obtaining competitive bids.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.