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Bill Analysis

SB 997 creates the Procurement Protection Act of 2025. The measure prohibits state-owned enterprises of a foreign adversary, companies domiciled within a foreign adversary, foreign adversary companies, and federally banned corporations from bidding on contracts with state agencies and political subdivisions. Companies submitting bids shall be required to certify that they do not meet the parameters described above. The measure provides that if the Director of Office of Management and Enterprise Services determines a company provided false certification, such a company shall be liable for a \$250,000.00 civil penalty, termination of contract, and a prohibition on future bids for a period of 60 months.

State agencies may enter into a bid with the described entities if there is no other reasonable option for procuring the good, the contract is pre-approved by the Director, or the threat of not procuring the good poses a greater threat than not procuring the good. All bidders shall be required to disclose whether they had any business with the described entities within the last 24 months. This disclosure period extends to 60 months if business was conducted with any military entity of any foreign adversary, any state-owned enterprise of a foreign adversary, any political party of a foreign adversary, or any federally banned corporation.

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