



OFFICE OF

No. SB 352

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., May 10, 2015

TIME SIGNED: 4:50pm

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
FIRST SESSION OF THE
FIFTY FIFTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 352:

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED Senate Bill 352.

Senate Bill 352 waters down competitive bidding requirements for construction contracts let by "counties, cities, other local units of government," and public trusts (hereinafter referred to as "State actors"). The Bill allows the aforementioned State actors to provide a five percent bid preference to a local contractor who is the second lowest qualified bid on any given contract, if that contractor promises to perform the contract for the same price and terms as the lowest bidder, and if selection of that contractor would create an "economic benefit to the local area or economy."

Notably, the Bill fails to define what makes a bidder or contractor "local," how "economic benefit" should be substantiated and quantified, and what minimum amount of "economic benefit," if any, would be needed to qualify a potential bidder for the preference. As good fiscal stewards of our citizens' tax monies, we should not enact ambiguous laws governing the award of public contracts. Therefore I have vetoed Senate Bill 352.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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By Barbara McCune
Date/Time 5-10-15 5:30pm

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