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Bill Analysis

HB 1774 provides that competitive bidding requirements shall not apply contracts for the study, analysis, and planning to aid in determining the feasibility of leasing, selling, or privately managing or developing the property or facilities under control of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission. The State Purchasing Director is directed to audit and review all uses of this exemption. The measure clarifies that any entity receiving an exemption is not authorized to engage in bid splitting. Additionally, the exemption provided to the Commission specifically shall not be construed for the use of leasing or contracting for state-owned restaurants in Oklahoma state parks. The Department shall not be required to purchase furniture, fixtures, and equipment, and soft goods associated with decor of the state parks, lodges, golf courses, and tourism information centers from Oklahoma prisons or reformatories.

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