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Departmental Affairs.

**House File 546**  
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KOSEK, BUCK, MALLONEE and HARRIS,  
MOORE of Butler.

Passed House, Date .....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved .....

## A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section nineteen point twenty (19.20), Code 1950, relating to bidding for public contracts.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. Amend section nineteen point twenty (19.20),

2 Code 1950, by adding thereto a new subsection, as follows:

3 "Before the Executive Council shall enter into any

4 contract as mentioned herein, to cost one thousand dollars

5 (\$1,000.00) or more, the Executive Council shall adopt

6 proposed plans and specifications and proposed form of

7 contract therefor, fixing a time and place of hearing

8 thereon at the seat of government, and shall give notice

9 thereof by publication in at least one newspaper of general

10 circulation at the seat of government, and in such other

11 newspapers as the Executive Council may order, at least

12 ten (10) days before said hearing."

1 Sec. 2. Further amend section nineteen point twenty

2 (19.20), Code 1950, by adding thereto the following new sub-

3 section:

4 "At such hearing, any person interested may appear and  
5 file objections to the proposed plans, specifications or  
6 contract for, or cost of such improvement. The Executive  
7 Council shall hear said objections and any evidence for or  
8 against the same and forthwith enter of record its decision  
9 thereon.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 546

This bill is in line with general state practice and would compel advertising for and securing of bids on all purchases of materials used for public purposes, and would tend to eliminate investigations such as have been had in the past where bids were not taken.