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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PERZEL AND DeWEESE, JUNE 30, 2005

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 30, 2005

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the  
2 ways in which the Commonwealth's procurement laws may be  
3 changed to allow citizens, businesses and public and private  
4 universities and colleges to make unsolicited proposals to  
5 Commonwealth agencies, boards and commissions.

6 WHEREAS, The economic health of this Commonwealth is a top  
7 priority; and

8 WHEREAS, The tax burden on this Commonwealth's citizens and  
9 businesses that results from the cost of government operations  
10 and administration can have a significant impact on the economic  
11 health of this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, State government has obligations to be fiscally  
13 responsible and to limit the tax burden it imposes; and

14 WHEREAS, Members of the general public, many private sector  
15 businesses, public and private colleges and universities and  
16 local governments have expertise to provide State government  
17 agencies with cost-saving and innovative ideas; and

18 WHEREAS, The current provisions of the Commonwealth  
19 Procurement Code only allow for bids on projects under the terms

1 and conditions established by the procuring agency and do not  
2 provide an opportunity for unsolicited proposals; and

3 WHEREAS, There should be a mechanism in State government  
4 under which cost-saving and innovative recommendations may be  
5 made to State government for review and response; therefore be  
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint  
8 State Government Commission to study the ways in which the  
9 Commonwealth's procurement laws may be changed to allow  
10 citizens, businesses and public and private universities and  
11 colleges to make unsolicited proposals to Commonwealth agencies,  
12 boards and commissions; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, The commission make a report of its activities to  
14 the Governor and the General Assembly not later than November  
15 30, 2005.