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SENATE BILL 5399

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State of Washington                      61st Legislature                      2009 Regular Session

By Senators Rockefeller and Shin; by request of Capital Projects  
Advisory Review Board

Read first time 01/21/09.      Referred to Committee on Government  
Operations & Elections.

1            AN ACT Relating to payment of undisputed claims; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 39.04 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 39.04 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            No later than thirty days after satisfactory completion of any  
7 additional work or portion of any additional work by a contractor on a  
8 public works project, the state or municipality shall issue a change  
9 order to the contract for the full dollar amount of the work not in  
10 dispute between the state or municipality and the contractor. If the  
11 state or municipality does not issue such a change order within the  
12 thirty days, interest must accrue on the dollar amount of the  
13 additional work satisfactorily completed and not in dispute until a  
14 change order is issued. The state or municipality shall pay this  
15 interest at a rate of one percent per month. For the purposes of this  
16 section, additional work is work beyond the scope defined in the  
17 contract between the contractor and the state or municipality.

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