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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Peery, Brough, Ebersole, Vance, Winsley, Betrozoff, Pruitt and Orr).

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1 AN ACT Relating to school district competitive bidding; and
2 amending RCW 28A.335.190.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.335.190 and 1990 c 33 s 362 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) When, in the opinion of the board of directors of any school
7 district, the cost of any (~~furniture, supplies, equipment, building,~~
8 ~~improvements, or repairs, or other work or purchases, except books,~~
9 ~~will equal or exceed the sum of twenty~~)) purchase of furniture,
10 equipment, or supplies, except books, will equal or exceed the sum of
11 twenty thousand dollars, and when, in the opinion of the board of
12 directors of any school district, the cost of any building,
13 improvement, repair, or other public works project will equal or exceed
14 the sum of fifty thousand dollars, complete plans and specifications
15 for such work or purchases shall be prepared and notice by publication

1 given in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the
2 district, once each week for two consecutive weeks, of the intention to
3 receive bids therefor and that specifications and other information may
4 be examined at the office of the board or any other officially
5 designated location: PROVIDED, That the board without giving such
6 notice may make improvements or repairs to the property of the district
7 through the shop and repair department of such district when the total
8 of such improvements or repair does not exceed the sum of (~~seventy-~~
9 ~~five hundred~~) fifteen thousand dollars. The cost of any public work,
10 improvement or repair for the purposes of this section shall be the
11 aggregate of all amounts to be paid for labor, material, and equipment
12 on one continuous or interrelated project where work is to be performed
13 simultaneously or in close sequence. The bids shall be in writing and
14 shall be opened and read in public on the date and in the place named
15 in the notice and after being opened shall be filed for public
16 inspection.

17 (2) Every purchase of furniture, equipment or supplies, except
18 books, the cost of which is estimated to be in excess of (~~seventy-five~~
19 ~~hundred~~) fifteen thousand dollars, shall be on a competitive basis.
20 The board of directors shall establish a procedure for securing
21 telephone and/or written quotations for such purchases. Whenever the
22 estimated cost is (~~from seventy-five hundred~~) more than fifteen
23 thousand dollars (~~up to~~) and less than twenty thousand dollars, the
24 procedure shall require quotations from at least three different
25 sources to be obtained in writing or by telephone, and recorded for
26 public perusal. Whenever the estimated cost is equal to or in excess
27 of twenty thousand dollars, the public bidding process provided in
28 subsection (1) of this section shall be followed.

29 (3) Every building, improvement, repair or other public works
30 project, the cost of which is estimated to be in excess of (~~seventy-~~

1 ~~five hundred~~) fifteen thousand dollars, shall be on a competitive bid
2 process. All such projects estimated to be less than (~~twenty~~) fifty
3 thousand dollars may be awarded to a contractor on the small works
4 roster. The small works roster shall be comprised of all responsible
5 contractors who have requested to be on the list. The board of
6 directors shall establish a procedure for securing telephone and/or
7 written quotations from the contractors on the small works roster to
8 assure establishment of a competitive price and for awarding contracts
9 to the lowest responsible bidder. Such procedure shall require that a
10 good faith effort be made to request quotations from all contractors on
11 the small works roster who have indicated the capability of performing
12 the kind of public works being contracted. Immediately after an award
13 is made, the bid quotations obtained shall be recorded, open to public
14 inspection, and available by telephone inquiry. The small works roster
15 shall be revised at least once each year by publishing notice of such
16 opportunity in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the
17 district. Responsible contractors shall be added to the list at any
18 time they submit a written request. Whenever the estimated cost of a
19 public works project is (~~twenty~~) fifty thousand dollars or more, the
20 public bidding process provided in subsection (1) of this section shall
21 be followed.

22 (4) The contract for the work or purchase shall be awarded to the
23 lowest responsible bidder as defined in RCW 43.19.1911 but the board
24 may by resolution reject any and all bids and make further calls for
25 bids in the same manner as the original call. On any work or purchase
26 the board shall provide bidding information to any qualified bidder or
27 the bidder's agent, requesting it in person.

28 (5) In the event of any emergency when the public interest or
29 property of the district would suffer material injury or damage by
30 delay, upon resolution of the board declaring the existence of such an

1 emergency and reciting the facts constituting the same, the board may
2 waive the requirements of this section with reference to any purchase
3 or contract: PROVIDED, That an "emergency", for the purposes of this
4 section, means a condition likely to result in immediate physical
5 injury to persons or to property of the school district in the absence
6 of prompt remedial action.