

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2750

As Passed House
February 10, 1994

Title: An act relating to joint operating agencies.

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to joint operating agencies.

Sponsors: Representatives Long, Bray, Kessler, Johanson, Chandler, Finkbeiner, Kremen and Caver.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Energy & Utilities, February 3, 1994, DP;
Passed House, February 10, 1994, 95-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & UTILITIES

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 9 members:
Representatives Bray, Chair; Finkbeiner, Vice Chair; Casada,
Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant Ranking
Minority Member; Caver; Johanson; Kessler; Kremen and Long.

Staff: Harry Reinert (786-7110).

Background: Publicly owned electric utilities in the state may form a joint operating agency (JOA) to construct and operate an electric generating facility or engage in energy efficiency projects. A JOA which is constructing or operating a nuclear power plant may enter into a contract through competitive negotiation to replace a defaulted contract or to take into account factors in addition to price in order to achieve economical operation of the plant.

A competitively negotiated contract may only be entered after a request for proposals is issued and a pre-proposal conference is held. The JOA must execute the contract with the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous to the JOA.

Summary of Bill: A joint operating agency constructing or operating a nuclear power plant which seeks to enter into a competitively negotiated contract shall execute a contract with the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous to the joint operating agency and the state.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This bill will allow a joint operating agency to consider the benefit to the state when pursuing a competitively negotiated contract.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Craig DoupÀ, Washington Public Power Supply System.