

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 2750

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Changing provisions relating to joint operating agencies.

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House Committee on Energy & Utilities  
Senate Committee on Energy & Utilities

**Background:** Publicly-owned electric utilities in the state may form a joint operating agency (JOA) to construct and operate an electric generating facility or to 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 or terminated contract or in situations where consideration of factors in addition to price, such as technical knowledge and experience, is necessary for the 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.

Currently, the economic impact on the state is not among the factors delineated for the JOA to consider in its evaluation of contract proposals.

**Summary:** 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 to the state.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	95	0
Senate	48	0

**Effective:** June 9, 1994