

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2813

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to public works contracts with the state.

By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Romero, Veloria, Caver, Wolfe and Bray; by request of Department of General Administration).

House Committee on Commerce & Labor
Senate Committee on Government Operations

Background: If the state or a municipality determines that a public works project will be executed by a method other than by contract or by using the small works roster process and the contract amount will exceed \$15,000, or \$25,000 in the case of colleges, universities, and community and technical colleges, the public entity must publish notice of the work at least 15 days before beginning work.

A small works roster process may be used by the Department of General Administration, the Department of Fisheries, the Department of Wildlife and the State Parks and Recreation Commission for projects of less than \$50,000, or less than \$100,000 if the project is managed for community and technical colleges. These projects are exempt from the general requirements for advertisement and competitive bidding. When using the small works roster, the agency must solicit at least five quotations from contractors randomly chosen from the small works roster. If the agency is unable to solicit quotations from five qualified contractors on the roster, the project must be advertised and competitively bid. The agency must invite at least one proposal from a minority contractor.

Summary: The dollar threshold is increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000 for a public works contract for which notice must be published by the state or a municipality if the work is executed by a method other than by contract or by using the small works roster process.

Beginning July 1, 1994, several changes are made in the small works roster process for specified state agencies. The small works roster exemption from the public works competitive bidding requirements for the Department of General Administration, the Department of Fish and Wildlife

and the State Parks and Recreation Commission applies to projects under \$100,000 instead of projects under \$50,000. The Department of Natural Resources is added as an agency that may use the small works roster. The agency using the small works roster must invite at least one proposal each from a certified minority-owned contractor and a certified women-owned contractor.

When using the small works roster process for a project, if the agency does not receive at least two responsive bids, the project must be advertised and competitively bid. If work is to be executed by competitive bid, the awarding agency must invite at least one proposal each from a certified minority and a certified women-owned contractor.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	98	0
Senate	49	0

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