

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESHB 2434

AS PASSED SENATE, MARCH 2, 1994

Brief Description: Changing a time limit for public works bids.

SPONSORS: House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Riley and Basich)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

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Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Moore, Chairman; Prentice, Vice Chairman; Deccio, Fraser, Pelz, Sellar, Sutherland and Vognild.

Staff: Jonathan Seib (786-7427)

Hearing Dates: February 22, 1994

BACKGROUND:

An invitation to bid on a public works contract of \$100,000 or more must require, as part of the bid, the submission of the names of subcontractors with whom the prime contractor will contract to perform the categories of work listed in the bid. This requirement applies to subcontract amounts that are more than 10 percent of the contract price. The subcontractor names must be submitted within 24 hours of the bid. Failure to name the subcontractors constitutes a nonresponsive bid.

SUMMARY:

When a contractor is required to submit the names of subcontractors as part of a bid on a public works contract, the names must be submitted within one hour after the published bid submittal time. The law applies prospectively and not retrospectively.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

This bill is needed to correct a provision in the bid-listing bill passed last year. The current 24-hour time period is unworkable and frustrates the purpose of the law.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: PRO: Larry Stevens, United Subcontractors Association;
Robert Dilger, WA State Building and Construction Trades; Duke
Schaub, Associated General Contractors; James Wilson,
Department of Transportation