

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**HB 2750**

**AS PASSED SENATE, MARCH 1, 1994**

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

**SPONSORS:** Representatives Long, Bray, Kessler, Johanson, Chandler, Finkbeiner, Kremen and Caver

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & UTILITIES**

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**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Sutherland, Chairman; Ludwig, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Hochstatter, Owen, Roach and Williams.

**Staff:** Phil Moeller (786-7445)

**Hearing Dates:** February 17, 1994; February 21, 1994

**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 that 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:**

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.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

This bill will allow for consideration of state impacts when large contracts are necessary. It may help in retaining some business within the state.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Representative Jeanine Long, prime sponsor; Jim Rowland, WA Public Power Supply System (pro)