
HOUSE BILL 1231

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1 AN ACT Relating to procurement of architectural and engineering
2 contracts; and creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state's
5 procurement of architectural and engineering services reached fifty-
6 seven million dollars during the 1989-91 biennium and has continued to
7 rise during the ensuing biennium. While the legislature has assured
8 the competitive awarding of contracts for these services that are vital
9 to the construction and maintenance of state facilities and
10 transportation, it has not in recent years reviewed the state's
11 procurement and efficient use of such services. It is an ongoing
12 responsibility of the legislature to ensure the efficient and effective
13 use of state government resources. It is therefore the legislature's
14 intent to require a review of the use of state resources for
15 architectural and engineering services and to identify improvements,
16 where necessary.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington state efficiency and
18 accountability commission shall conduct a review of the state's

1 procurement and use of contracted architectural and engineering
2 services for state public works projects. The review shall:

3 (a) Examine the statutory competitive bid policies and procedures
4 used for the procurement of architectural and engineering services;

5 (b) Examine the procedures and extent of use of contract
6 amendments;

7 (c) Analyze the use of contingency or set-aside funds in
8 contractual agreements;

9 (d) Determine if the state could more efficiently provide its own
10 architectural and engineering services in lieu of contracting; and

11 (e) Provide an analysis of the fees negotiated for architectural
12 and engineering services for the past ten years.

13 (2) The commission shall report its findings and recommendations
14 for areas of improvement and cost savings to the office of financial
15 management and the fiscal committees of the legislature by September 1,
16 1994.

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