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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1879**

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**By** House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Springer, Edmondson, Bray, Romero, Sheldon, Long and Kremen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to contracts for architectural and engineering  
2 services; and amending RCW 39.80.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 39.80.040 and 1981 c 61 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 In the procurement of architectural and engineering services, the  
7 agency shall encourage firms engaged in the lawful practice of their  
8 profession to submit annually a statement of qualifications and  
9 performance data. The agency shall evaluate current statements of  
10 qualifications and performance data on file with the agency, together  
11 with those that may be submitted by other firms regarding the proposed  
12 project, and shall conduct discussions with one or more firms regarding  
13 anticipated concepts and the relative utility of alternative methods of  
14 approach for furnishing the required services and then shall select  
15 therefrom, based upon criteria established by the agency, the firm  
16 deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required  
17 for the proposed project. Such agency procedures and guidelines shall  
18 include a plan to insure that minority and women-owned firms are  
19 afforded the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for and obtain

1 public contracts for services. The level of participation by minority  
2 and women-owned firms shall be consistent with their general  
3 availability within the professional communities involved. Agency  
4 procedures and guidelines may also include a plan to ensure that local  
5 firms are afforded a meaningful opportunity to compete for and obtain  
6 public contracts for services.

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