

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5782

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### FULL VETO

As Passed Legislature

**Brief Description:** Changing bidding for water-sewer districts.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Haugen, Rasmussen and Fraser).

**Senate Committee on Government Operations**

**House Committee on Government Administration**

**Background:** The bidding statutes for water-sewer districts provide, in part, that all work estimated to cost more than \$5,000 must be awarded by contract and that any purchase of materials, supplies or equipment estimated to exceed \$10,000 must be by contract. In addition, purchases of materials, supplies or equipment estimated to cost from \$5,000 to less than \$50,000 must be made by small works roster or as specified in the water-sewer district chapter for competitive bidding. Purchases of materials, supplies or equipment estimated to cost \$50,000 or more must be made by competitive bidding.

**Summary:** The water-sewer district's ability to use the small works roster for projects estimated to cost in excess of \$10,000 to less than \$50,000 is clarified. Project- is defined to include labor, materials, supplies and equipment. The prohibition on letting contracts for more than cost is removed. Purchases of materials, supplies and equipment exceeding \$10,000 but less than \$50,000 are made under the small works roster statute for purchases or by competitive bidding.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	48	0
House	94	3