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By House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives D. Schmidt, Huff, Dunn, Talcott, Mulliken, Backlund, Mielke and Wensman)

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1 AN ACT Relating to competitive strategies in the delivery of
2 government services; amending RCW 41.06.380 and 41.06.382; creating a
3 new section; and repealing RCW 28A.400.285.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Public agencies that spend taxpayer
6 dollars should provide the people of the state of Washington the
7 highest quality services attainable in the most cost-effective manner,
8 and use the most efficient means available when purchasing materials,
9 supplies, services, and equipment necessary for the operation of the
10 agencies.

11 (2) Public agencies should use as often as possible, strategies
12 that promote and ensure cost control and innovation, and increase the
13 quality of services provided through the use of competition in the
14 purchase or delivery of goods and services.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.06.380 and 1979 ex.s. c 46 s 2 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit any department, as
18 defined in RCW 41.06.020, from purchasing services by contract with

1 individuals or business entities (~~if such services were regularly~~
2 ~~purchased by valid contract by such department prior to April 23, 1979:~~
3 ~~PROVIDED, That no such contract may be executed or renewed if it would~~
4 ~~have the effect of terminating classified employees or classified~~
5 ~~employee positions existing at the time of the execution or renewal of~~
6 ~~the contract~~)).

7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 41.06.382 and 1979 ex.s. c 46 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit any institution of
10 higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, or related board from
11 purchasing services by contract with individuals or business entities
12 (~~if such services were regularly purchased by valid contract at such~~
13 ~~institution prior to April 23, 1979: PROVIDED, That no such contract~~
14 ~~may be executed or renewed if it would have the effect of terminating~~
15 ~~classified employees or classified employee positions existing at the~~
16 ~~time of the execution or renewal of the contract~~)).

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.400.285 and 1993 c 349 s 1 are each
18 repealed.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its
20 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
21 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
22 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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