
SENATE BILL 6439

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By Senators Wood, Haugen, Prince and Horn; by request of Department of Transportation

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1 AN ACT Relating to construction of certain highway projects under
2 a design-build procedure; creating new sections; and providing a
3 contingent expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares that a
6 contracting procedure that facilitates construction of transportation
7 facilities in a more timely and efficient manner is occasionally needed
8 to ensure that construction can proceed simultaneously with the design
9 of the facility.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of transportation shall
11 develop, by January 1, 1999, a process for awarding competitively bid
12 highway construction contracts for projects that may be constructed
13 using a design-build procedure. As used in this section, "design-build
14 procedure" means a method of contracting under which the department of
15 transportation contracts with another party for such party to both
16 design and build the structures, facilities, and other items specified
17 in the contract.

1 The process developed by the department shall, at a minimum,
2 include the scope of services required under the design-build
3 procedure, contractor prequalification requirements, criteria for
4 evaluating technical information and project costs, contractor
5 selection criteria, and an issue resolution procedure.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A demonstration program consisting of two
7 projects of moderate size and complexity must be implemented using the
8 design-build method of contracting, as prescribed under a process
9 developed by the department of transportation under section 2 of this
10 act. The department shall select the projects for the demonstration
11 program on the basis of their opportunity to demonstrate the benefits
12 of the design-build process.

13 The department shall present progress reports on the projects to
14 the legislature at their regular sessions during the course of the
15 demonstration. The department shall present a final detailed report to
16 the legislature within one year of completion of the projects. The
17 report must detail the advantages and disadvantages of the design-build
18 process and make recommendations for possible changes in law, and in
19 how the process may be used for future department projects.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires December 31, 2000, unless
21 extended by the legislature.

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