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Brief Title: Authorizing department of transportation contracting out of maintenance services.

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Authorizes the department of transportation to purchase maintenance services by contract with individuals or business entities. Maintenance services that may be contracted out include, but are not limited to, roadway maintenance and repair, drainage maintenance and slope repair, roadside and landscape maintenance, bridge and urban tunnel maintenance, snow and ice control, traffic services, and rest area maintenance.

Provides that, if the department intends to purchase maintenance services, the department shall notify any exclusive bargaining representative who represents any employee whose employment status will be directly affected by such a contract. The exclusive bargaining representative may offer alternatives to the proposed contract, and the department must consider these alternatives in making the final decision to contract out.

Repeals RCW 41.06.380.