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Bil Analysis

Bil No. HB 1073

Changing alternative processes for public hospital districts

Brief title

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**BACKGROUND:**

Cities and special districts have three options for contracting public works projects, based on cost of the project. Generally, anything under a certain dollar figure may be handled by public works employees. Above that limit, up to a higher limit, districts may use the small works roster process. Above the sealed process, anything over the higher limit, the sealed process be used to award the contract.

However, hospital districts permit contracts in excess of \$50,000 that are less than \$50,000 to be awarded using the small works roster process.

The small works roster process, defined in RCW 39.04.155, states that a hospital district maintains full responsibility for a contract that is requested on the list. When a contract is to be bid, the district is not to be a contractor on the list. Once a contractor submits a proposal, they are not to be a contractor on the list. They have an opportunity to submit a contract. However, if the district desires, they may solicit bids from a contractor on the list for each contract.

**SUMMARY:**

Public Hospital District contracting processes are changed as follows:

(1) Change the value of contracts that may be awarded using the small works roster process to an amount in excess of \$50,000 for projects estimated to cost less than \$50,000.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Not requested.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Ninety days after adjournment session which bill passed.