

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1073

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### As Passed Legislature

**Title:** An act relating to alternative bid procedures for public hospital districts.

**Brief Description:** Changing alternative bid processes for public hospital districts.

**Sponsors:** Representatives D. Schmidt and Romero; by request of Alternative Public Works Methods Oversight Committee.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

State Government: 1/26/99, 2/9/99 [DP].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 3/4/99, 95-0.

Passed Senate: 4/8/99, 47-0.

Passed Legislature.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Changes the dollar amount for public hospital district contracts using the small works roster.</li></ul>
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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives McMorris, Republican Co-Chair; Romero, Democratic Co-Chair; Campbell, Republican Vice Chair; Miloscia, Democratic Vice Chair; Dunshee; Haigh; Lambert and Schmidt.

**Staff:** Scott MacColl (786-7106).

**Background:**

Public hospital districts may use the 'small works roster process' in lieu of the sealed bid process to award contracts for certain public works projects, normally of a medium level dollar value. Current hospital district law permits contracts in excess of \$50,000, rather than less than \$50,000, to be awarded using the small works roster process.

The small works roster process, as defined in RCW 39.04.155, is a single roster that a hospital district maintains of all responsible contractors that request to be on the list. When a contract is up for bid, the district secures quotes from at least five contractors from the list. Once a contractor bids on a proposal, they cannot bid again until all contractors on the list have an opportunity to submit a bid on a contract. However, if the district desires, they may solicit bids from all contractors on the list for each contract.

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**Summary of Bill:**

Public hospital district contracting processes are changed as follows:

(1) The value of contracts that may be awarded by public hospital districts using the small works roster process is altered from an amount in excess of \$50,000 to projects estimated to cost less than \$50,000.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This is a technical cleanup bill.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** (Supports) Lisa Thatcher, Public Hospital Districts.