

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Bill Analysis

Bill No. HB 1075

Increasing the monetary limit of the
small works roster by port districts

Brief title

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BACKGROUND:

Cities and special districts have three options for contracting public works projects. Generally, projects estimated at a certain dollar figure may be performed by public works employees. Above that limit and up to a higher limit, a government may use the small works roster process in lieu of the open competitive sealed process. Above the higher dollar limit, a contract must be awarded using formal competitive bidding.

Port districts currently require the open competitive sealed process for any project estimated to cost over \$100,000 and may use the small works roster process for contracts estimated at \$100,000 or under.

The small works roster process defined in RCW 39.04.155 is used in lieu of the sealed process for awarding public works contracts. A small works roster consists of a list of responsible contractors who have requested to be on the list, and who by law are properly licensed and registered for work in the state of Washington. When using the small works roster process, a district must invite at least five quotations from contractors whenever possible. This process is only used for contracts valued under a dollar limit set in statute by each individual district. The current dollar limit for a small works roster process contract is \$100,000 or less.

SUMMARY:

Port district contracting changes as follows:

(1) Increase dollar amount for public work projects for the small works cost process from projects estimated at \$100,000 or less to \$200,000 or less.

(2) Increase dollar amount for projects required to open competitive sealed process from costs estimated at or above \$100,000 to costs estimated at or above \$200,000.

FISCAL NOTE: Not requested.

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