

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

Bill Analysis

Bill No. HB 1766

**Requiring identification of subcontractors
in bids on public works.**

Brief title

Hearing Date 2/24/99

**Rep. Romer & McMorris
Sponsor(s)**

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BACKGROUND:

General contracts on public works contracts in excess of \$100,000 more are required to submit a part of the bid, within one hour after the published bid is submitted, the names of all subcontractors whose subcontract accounts more than 10 percent of the contract price. Failure to list these subcontractors in the manner prescribed by statute renders the bid void.

These contracts are specifically for the construction or repair of any public building or public work of the state or a state agency, municipal city, or the higher education or school district.

SUMMARY:

The dollar threshold requiring general contractors to list the names of all subcontractors as part of the bid is raised from in excess of \$100,000 to \$1 million.

The general contractor may list subcontractors in specific areas of work and may not list more than one subcontractor for each category of work. The specific areas of work are defined as heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, plumbing, and electrical work. This may only change if subcontractors with bid alternatives are chosen in the bid and indicate which subcontractor will be used for which alternate. This requirement applies only to those subcontractors who will contract directly with the general contractor submitting the bid to the public entity.

Failure to submit names of subcontractors for the bidder to perform such work or the naming of two or more subcontractors to perform the same work will render the bid void.

FISCAL NOTE: Not requested.

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