

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1827

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
State & Local Government, April 1, 1999

Title: An act relating to public printing.

Brief Description: Concerning printing contracts entered into by state agencies.

Sponsors: Representatives D. Schmidt, Romero and McMorris.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 3/25/99, 4/1/99 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chair; Gardner, Vice Chair; Hale, Haugen, Horn, Kline and McCaslin.

Staff: Eugene Green (786-7405)

Background: All printing, binding, and stationery work done for a county, city, town, port district, or school district shall be done in this state. However, this work may be done outside of the state if the:

- work cannot be executed within the state;
- lowest charge for which the work can be procured in the state exceeds the charge usually and customarily made to private individuals and corporations for similar work; or
- bids for the work are excessive and not reasonably competitive.

A similar restriction does not exist for printing done for state agencies.

Summary of Bill: Printing, binding, and stationery work ordered by a state agency must be done in the state, subject to the same exceptions for out-of-state work that are currently applicable to such work ordered by a county, city, town, port district, or school district.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: This bill puts the state under the same requirements as local units of government. We should not lose money to out-of-state printers who pay less and have lesser working conditions than in-state printers.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Bill Stauffacher, Poetic Printing and Imaging Association; James Thompson, West Coast Paper Company; Rowland Thompson, Allied Daily Newspaper.