
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6773

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Bauer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to county road construction projects; and amending
2 RCW 36.77.065.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.77.065 and 1980 c 40 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The board may cause any county road to be constructed or improved
7 by day labor as provided in this section.

8 (1) As used in this section, "county road construction budget"
9 means the aggregate total of those costs as defined by the budgeting,
10 accounting, and reporting system for counties and cities and other
11 local governments authorized under RCW 43.09.200 and 43.09.230 as
12 prescribed in the state auditor's budget, accounting, and reporting
13 manual's (BARS) road and street construction accounts 541.00 through
14 541.90 in effect April 1, 1975: PROVIDED, That such costs shall not
15 include those costs assigned to the preliminary engineering account
16 541.11, right of way accounts 541.20 through 541.25, ancillary
17 operations account 541.80, and ferries account 541.81 in the budget,
18 accounting, and reporting manual.

1 (2) The total amount of day labor construction programs one county
2 may perform annually shall total no more than the amounts determined in
3 the following manner:

4 (a) Any county with a total annual county road construction budget
5 of four million dollars or more may accumulate a day labor road
6 construction budget equal to no more than eight hundred eighty thousand
7 dollars or (~~(fifteen)~~) twenty-five percent of the county's total annual
8 county road construction budget, whichever is greater.

9 (b) Any county with a total annual county road construction budget
10 (~~(over)~~) of one million five hundred thousand dollars or more and less
11 than four million dollars may accumulate a day labor road construction
12 budget equal to not more than five hundred (~~(twenty-five)~~) seventy-
13 seven thousand dollars or (~~(twenty)~~) thirty percent of the county's
14 total annual county road construction budget, whichever is greater.

15 (c) Any county with a total annual county road construction budget
16 (~~(over)~~) of five hundred thousand dollars or more and less than one
17 million five hundred thousand dollars may accumulate a day labor road
18 construction budget equal to two hundred (~~(fifty)~~) seventy-five
19 thousand dollars or (~~(thirty-five)~~) forty-five percent of the county's
20 total annual county road construction budget, whichever is greater.

21 (d) Any county with a total annual county road construction budget
22 less than five hundred thousand dollars may accumulate a day labor road
23 construction budget equal to two hundred (~~(fifty)~~) seventy-five
24 thousand dollars: PROVIDED, That any county with a total annual road
25 construction budget of less than five hundred thousand dollars may, by
26 resolution of the board at the time the county road construction budget
27 is adopted, elect to construct or improve county roads by day labor in
28 an amount not to exceed (~~(thirty-five)~~) thirty-eight thousand five
29 hundred dollars on any one project, including labor, equipment, and
30 materials; such election to be in lieu of the two hundred (~~(fifty)~~)
31 seventy-five thousand dollar limit provided for in this section, except
32 that any project means a complete project and the division of any
33 project into units of work or classes of work so as to permit
34 construction by day labor is not authorized.

35 Any county that adopts a county road construction budget
36 unreasonably exceeding that county's actual road construction
37 expenditures for the same budget year which has the effect of
38 permitting the county to exceed the day labor amounts established in
39 this section is in violation of the county road administration board's

1 standards of good practice under RCW 36.78.020 and is in violation of
2 this section. Any county, whose expenditure for day labor for road
3 construction projects unreasonably exceeds the limits specified in this
4 section, is in violation of the county road administration board's
5 standards of good practice under RCW 36.78.020 and is in violation of
6 this section.

7 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, whenever
8 the construction work or improvement is the installation of electrical
9 traffic control devices, highway illumination equipment, electrical
10 equipment, wires, or equipment to convey electrical current, in an
11 amount exceeding ten thousand dollars for any one project including
12 labor, equipment, and materials, such work shall be performed by
13 contract as in this chapter provided. This section means a complete
14 project and does not permit the construction of any project by day
15 labor by division of the project into units of work or classes of work.

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