

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1515

C 38 L 01

Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Changing public works provisions for institutions of higher education.

Sponsors: By House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Armstrong, O'Brien, Barlean, Hunt, Schoesler, Eickmeyer, Ahern, Darneille, Anderson, Carrell, G. Chandler, Hatfield, Buck, Lovick and Edwards).

House Committee on State Government
Senate Committee on Higher Education

Background:

Public works projects for regional and state universities and the Evergreen State College that equal or exceed \$25,000 are subject to a public bid process, the contract for which must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The public bid process must also be used if the project exceeds \$10,000 but only involves one trade or craft area. The public bid process is not required if the contract is awarded under the small works roster process. Publication of the project is not required if the estimated cost is under \$25,000 or if the contract is awarded under the small works roster process. Public bid procedures may be waived during an emergency.

Summary:

The cost limit for public works projects at regional and state universities and the Evergreen State College that are exempt from the public bid procedure is increased from \$25,000 to \$35,000. The cost limit on public works projects that involve only one trade or craft that are exempt from the public bid procedure is increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 92 0

Senate 49 0

Effective: July 22, 2001