

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2370

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### As Passed Legislature

**Title:** An act relating to county road engineers.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing all counties to share county road engineering services.

**Sponsors:** By Representatives Schoesler, Cox, Eickmeyer, Ahern, Chandler, Mulliken and Haigh.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Local Government & Housing: 2/4/02 [DP].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 2/12/02, 97-0.

Passed Senate: 3/2/02, 47-0.

Passed Legislature.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Eliminates the requirement that each county with a population of 8,000 or more employ a full-time road engineer.</li></ul>
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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Dunshee, Chair; Edwards, Vice Chair; Mulliken, Ranking Minority Member; Berkey, Crouse, DeBolt, Dunn, Hatfield, Kirby, Mielke and Sullivan.

**Staff:** Amy Wood (786-7127).

**Background:**

The county legislative authority of each county with a population of 8,000 or more must employ a full-time county road engineer. The county legislative authority of each other county must employ a county engineer either on a full-time or part-time basis, or may contract with another county for the engineering services of a county road engineer from such other county.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The requirement that each county with a population of 8,000 or more employ a full-time road engineer is eliminated. Each county with a population of 8,000 or more may hire either a full-time or part-time road engineer, or may contract with another county for engineering services.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not Requested.

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

**Testimony For:** This bill presents a logical means for counties to save money and be more efficient. It also allows more qualified engineers to be shared between counties.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Representative Schoesler, prime sponsor.