

Transportation Committee

SSB 5733

Brief Description: *Adjusting day labor allowances for county road construction.*

Sponsors: *By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Morton and Rasmussen).*

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

Hearing Date: *3/27/01*

Staff: *Paul Neal (786-7315).*

Background:

Current law permits counties to utilize day labor to construct or improve county roads, if such costs total no more than the annual limits specified by statute. Day labor— means labor on county road and bridge projects performed by county employees rather than contractors. The annual limits on day labor expenditures by counties vary depending on the total annual county road construction budget.

Summary of Bill:

Existing county day labor annual limits are increased for counties with a population of less than 50,000 people. The proposed change in the limits is detailed below:

Size of annual county road construction budget
Current limit on annual expenditures for day labor - The greater of:
Proposed limit on annual expenditures for day labor for counties of 50,000 or less - the greater of:
\$4 million or more \$800,000 or 15% of budget
\$880,000 or 25% of budget
\$1.5 million to \$4 million \$525,000 or 20% of budget
\$575,000 or 30% of budget
\$500,000 to \$1.5 million \$250,000 or 35% of budget
\$275,000 or 45% of budget
less than \$500,000 \$250,000 or \$35,000 per complete project.
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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on DATE.

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