

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2551

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
State & Local Government, February 28, 2002

**Title:** An act relating to alternative public works contracting procedures.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing additional school district capital demonstration projects.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Romero, Schmidt, Miloscia and Haigh.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State & Local Government: 2/27/02, 2/28/02 [DPA].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Gardner, Chair; Fairley, Vice Chair; Hale, Haugen, Horn, Keiser, Kline, McCaslin, Roach, T. Sheldon and Swecker.

**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Background:** Differing procedures are established for state agencies and various local governments to award contracts for public works projects.

Several state agencies and local governments have been authorized to use alternative public works contracting procedures to award contracts on certain public works with a value over \$12 million. One alternative procedure is the "design-build" procedure. Another alternative procedure is the "general contractor/construction manager" (GCCM) procedure. Authority to use these alternative public works contracting procedures terminates July 1, 2007.

The GCCM procedure is a multi-step competitive process to award a contract for a single firm to provide services during the design phase, as well as acting as both the construction manager and general contractor during the construction phase, for a public facility that meets specified criteria. The design-build procedure is a multi-step competitive process to award a contract for a single firm to design and construct a public facility or portion of a public facility that meets specified criteria.

The Department of General Administration, the University of Washington, the Washington State University, every county with a population greater than 450,000, every city with a population greater than 70,000, any port district with revenues greater than \$15 million per year, any public utility district with revenues greater than \$23 million per year, and any public authority chartered by a city are authorized to use these procedures.

In addition, the School District Project Review Board (Board) may authorize two demonstration projects valued over \$10 million and two demonstration projects valued

between \$5 and \$10 million. The Board may not approve more than one demonstration project for each school district.

**Summary of Amended Bill:** The design-build procedure and the GCCM procedure may be used for public works projects valued over \$10 million.

The School Project Review Board may authorize up to ten demonstration projects valued over \$5 million, of which at least two demonstration projects must be valued between \$5 and \$10 million.

More than one demonstration project may be approved for each school district.

**Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill:** An emergency clause is added.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

**Testimony For:** More school districts would like to apply to the board for approval. The program is working.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Charlie Brown, King County School Coalition, Seattle Public Schools, Tacoma Public Schools (pro); Duke Schaub, Associated General Contractors - WA (pro).