

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5063

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Authorizing a limited public works process.

**Sponsors:** Senators Patterson and Winsley.

**Senate Committee on State & Local Government**  
**House Committee on State Government**

**Background:** State contracting law provides for an optional uniform small works roster process to award public works contracts that assure a competitive price is established and that the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The small works roster may be used by government agencies and by any local government that is expressly authorized to use it. Contracts estimated to cost \$200,000 or less are eligible for the small works roster process.

**Summary:** State agencies and local governments authorized to use the small works roster process may award contracts using a limited public works process for construction, building renovation, remodeling, altering, repairing, or improving real property.

The limited public works process is a type of small works roster process, but only applies to contracts estimated to cost less than \$35,000. Bids must be solicited from at least three contractors. The agency or local government may award the contract, even if only one quotation is received, or reject all quotations. Quotations are available for public inspection after a contract is awarded. An attempt must be made to distribute opportunities equitably among contractors willing to perform in the geographic area of the work.

Agencies and local governments must maintain a list each 24 months of contracts awarded and contractors solicited under this process, including the names and registration numbers of the contractors.

An agency or local government using the limited public works process may waive performance bond requirements and retainage requirements but has a right of recovery against the contractor for any payments it makes on behalf of the contractor.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	32	17
House	95	0 (House amended)
Senate	32	15 (Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 22, 2001