
SENATE BILL 6832

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1 AN ACT Relating to interpreter services for public assistance
2 recipients; amending RCW 39.29.040 and 43.19.190; and creating a new
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that limited-English
6 speaking and sensory-impaired applicants and recipients of public
7 assistance often require interpreter services in order to communicate
8 effectively with employees of the department of social and health
9 services, medical professionals, and other social services personnel.
10 The legislature further finds that interpreter services can be procured
11 and delivered through a variety of different means. It is in the
12 public's interest for the department to deliver interpreter services,
13 to the extent funds are available, by the means which it determines
14 most cost-effectively ensure that limited-English speaking and sensory-
15 impaired persons are able to communicate with department employees and
16 service providers.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 39.29.040 and 1998 c 101 s 7 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

1 This chapter does not apply to:

2 (1) Contracts specifying a fee of less than five thousand dollars
3 if the total of the contracts from that agency with the contractor
4 within a fiscal year does not exceed five thousand dollars;

5 (2) Contracts awarded to companies that furnish a service where the
6 tariff is established by the utilities and transportation commission or
7 other public entity;

8 (3) Intergovernmental agreements awarded to any governmental
9 entity, whether federal, state, or local and any department, division,
10 or subdivision thereof;

11 (4) Contracts awarded for services to be performed for a standard
12 fee, when the standard fee is established by the contracting agency or
13 any other governmental entity and a like contract is available to all
14 qualified applicants;

15 (5) Contracts for services that are necessary to the conduct of
16 collaborative research if prior approval is granted by the funding
17 source;

18 (6) Contracts for client services;

19 (7) Contracts for architectural and engineering services as defined
20 in RCW 39.80.020, which shall be entered into under chapter 39.80 RCW;

21 (8) Contracts for the employment of expert witnesses for the
22 purposes of litigation; (~~and~~)

23 (9) Contracts for bank supervision authorized under RCW 30.38.040;
24 and

25 (10) Contracts for interpreter services and interpreter brokerage
26 services on behalf of limited-English speaking or sensory-impaired
27 applicants and recipients of public assistance.

28 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.19.190 and 1995 c 269 s 1401 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 The director of general administration, through the state
31 purchasing and material control director, shall:

32 (1) Establish and staff such administrative organizational units
33 within the division of purchasing as may be necessary for effective
34 administration of the provisions of RCW 43.19.190 through 43.19.1939;

35 (2) Purchase all material, supplies, services, and equipment needed
36 for the support, maintenance, and use of all state institutions,
37 colleges, community colleges, technical colleges, college districts,
38 and universities, the offices of the elective state officers, the

1 supreme court, the court of appeals, the administrative and other
2 departments of state government, and the offices of all appointive
3 officers of the state: PROVIDED, That the provisions of RCW 43.19.190
4 through 43.19.1937 do not apply in any manner to the operation of the
5 state legislature except as requested by the legislature: PROVIDED,
6 That any agency may purchase material, supplies, services, and
7 equipment for which the agency has notified the purchasing and material
8 control director that it is more cost-effective for the agency to make
9 the purchase directly from the vendor: PROVIDED, That primary
10 authority for the purchase of specialized equipment, instructional, and
11 research material for their own use shall rest with the colleges,
12 community colleges, and universities: PROVIDED FURTHER, That
13 universities operating hospitals and the state purchasing and material
14 control director, as the agent for state hospitals as defined in RCW
15 72.23.010, and for health care programs provided in state correctional
16 institutions as defined in RCW 72.65.010(3) and veterans' institutions
17 as defined in RCW 72.36.010 and 72.36.070, may make purchases for
18 hospital operation by participating in contracts for materials,
19 supplies, and equipment entered into by nonprofit cooperative hospital
20 group purchasing organizations: PROVIDED FURTHER, That primary
21 authority for the purchase of materials, supplies, and equipment for
22 resale to other than public agencies shall rest with the state agency
23 concerned: PROVIDED FURTHER, That authority to purchase services as
24 included herein does not apply to personal services as defined in
25 chapter 39.29 RCW, unless such organization specifically requests
26 assistance from the division of purchasing in obtaining personal
27 services and resources are available within the division to provide
28 such assistance: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the authority for the purchase
29 of insurance and bonds shall rest with the risk manager under RCW
30 43.19.1935: PROVIDED FURTHER, That, except for the authority of the
31 risk manager to purchase insurance and bonds, the director is not
32 required to provide purchasing services for institutions of higher
33 education that choose to exercise independent purchasing authority
34 under RCW 28B.10.029: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the authority to purchase
35 interpreter services and interpreter brokerage services on behalf of
36 limited-English speaking or sensory-impaired applicants and recipients
37 of public assistance shall rest with the department of social and
38 health services;

1 (3) Have authority to delegate to state agencies authorization to
2 purchase or sell, which authorization shall specify restrictions as to
3 dollar amount or to specific types of material, equipment, services,
4 and supplies. Acceptance of the purchasing authorization by a state
5 agency does not relieve such agency from conformance with other
6 sections of RCW 43.19.190 through 43.19.1939, or from policies
7 established by the director. Also, delegation of such authorization to
8 a state agency, including an educational institution to which this
9 section applies, to purchase or sell material, equipment, services, and
10 supplies shall not be granted, or otherwise continued under a previous
11 authorization, if such agency is not in substantial compliance with
12 overall state purchasing and material control policies as established
13 herein;

14 (4) Contract for the testing of material, supplies, and equipment
15 with public and private agencies as necessary and advisable to protect
16 the interests of the state;

17 (5) Prescribe the manner of inspecting all deliveries of supplies,
18 materials, and equipment purchased through the division;

19 (6) Prescribe the manner in which supplies, materials, and
20 equipment purchased through the division shall be delivered, stored,
21 and distributed;

22 (7) Provide for the maintenance of a catalogue library,
23 manufacturers' and wholesalers' lists, and current market information;

24 (8) Provide for a commodity classification system and may, in
25 addition, provide for the adoption of standard specifications;

26 (9) Provide for the maintenance of inventory records of supplies,
27 materials, and other property;

28 (10) Prepare rules and regulations governing the relationship and
29 procedures between the division of purchasing and state agencies and
30 vendors;

31 (11) Publish procedures and guidelines for compliance by all state
32 agencies, including those educational institutions to which this
33 section applies, which implement overall state purchasing and material
34 control policies;

35 (12) Advise state agencies, including educational institutions,
36 regarding compliance with established purchasing and material control
37 policies under existing statutes.

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