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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on State & Local Government
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Brief Description: Allowing governmental entities that award publicly funded contracts to select contractors using the lowest responsible bidder method.

SB 6528-S.E - DIGEST

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Authorizes all state or local governmental entities that award contracts for publicly funded projects to select contractors by the lowest responsible bidder method. Does not supercede chapter 39.10 RCW.

Provides that a state or local governmental entity that awards contracts for publicly funded projects estimated to cost more than two hundred thousand dollars must determine whether the lowest responsive bidder is responsible using the criteria in this act.

Provides that, in determining whether the lowest responsive bidder is responsible, the governmental entity awarding the contract must consider the following elements: (1) The ability, capacity, and skill of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service required;

(2) The experience of the bidder;

(3) Whether the bidder has demonstrated the ability to perform the contract within the time specified;

(4) The satisfactory completion of previous contracts or services by the bidder;

(5) The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with contracting laws.