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By Senators Morton, Fraser, T. Sheldon and Doumit; by request of
Commissioner of Public Lands

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Resources, Energy & Water.

1 AN ACT Relating to the highest responsible bidder for sales of
2 valuable materials from state-owned aquatic lands; and amending RCW
3 79.90.215.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.90.215 and 1990 c 163 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) To determine the "highest responsible bidder" under RCW
8 79.90.210, the department of natural resources shall be entitled to
9 consider, in addition to price, the following:

10 (a) The financial and technical ability of the bidder to perform
11 the contract;

12 (b) Whether the bid contains material defects;

13 (c) Whether the bidder has previously or is currently complying
14 with terms and conditions of any other contracts with the state or
15 relevant contracts with entities other than the state;

16 (d) Whether the bidder was the "highest responsible bidder" for a
17 sale within the previous five years but failed to complete the sale,
18 such as by not entering into a resulting contract or by not paying the

1 difference between the deposit and the total amount due. However,
2 sales that were bid prior to January 1, 2003, may not be considered for
3 the purposes of this subsection (1)(d);

4 (e) Whether the bidder has been convicted of a crime relating to
5 the public lands or natural resources of the state of Washington, the
6 United States, or any other state, tribe, or country, where
7 "conviction" shall include a guilty plea, or unvacated forfeiture of
8 bail;

9 ~~((+e))~~ (f) Whether the bidder is owned, controlled, or managed by
10 any person, partnership, or corporation that is not responsible under
11 this statute; and

12 ~~((+f))~~ (g) Whether the subcontractors of the bidder, if any, are
13 responsible under this statute.

14 (2) Whenever the department has reason to believe that the apparent
15 high bidder is not a responsible bidder, the department may award the
16 sale to the next responsible bidder or the department may reject all
17 bids pursuant to RCW 79.90.240.

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