
**State Government Operations &
Accountability Committee**

HB 3106

Brief Description: Changing public works provisions for institutions of higher education.

Sponsors: Representatives Kenney, Buri, Cox, McIntire and Ericks.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Raises the dollar limits that require a public bid process for the state and regional universities and The Evergreen State College from \$35,000 to \$50,000 and from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for projects involving only one trade or craft.
- Establishes bid limits for the community colleges equal to the state and regional universities and The Evergreen State College.

Hearing Date: 1/31/06

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

Whenever public works projects undertaken by the regional and state universities and the Evergreen State College equal or exceed \$35,000, the project is subject to a public bid process in which the contract must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The public bid process must also be used if the project exceeds \$15,000 but only involves one trade or craft area. The prevailing rate of wages must be paid on public works projects of at least \$25,000. The public bid process is not required if the contract is awarded under the small works roster process. Publication of the project is not required if the estimated cost is under \$25,000 or if the contract is awarded under the small works roster process. Public bid procedures may be waived during an emergency.

Summary of Bill:

Regional and state universities and the Evergreen State College are required to use a public bid process for public works projects over \$50,000. The college and universities are also required to use a public bid process for public works projects that involve only one trade or craft that exceed \$20,000. Bid limits for public works projects are established for the community colleges equal to that of the state and regional universities and The Evergreen State College.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.