

**SB 5097-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, from January 1, 2005, and thereafter, for all public works estimated to cost one million dollars or more, all specifications shall require that no less than fifteen percent of the labor hours be performed by apprentices.

Authorizes awarding agency directors to adjust the requirements of this provision for a specific project for the designated reasons.

Applies only to public works contracts awarded by the state.

Does not apply to contracts awarded by state four-year institutions of higher education, state agencies headed by a separately elected public official, or the department of transportation.

Provides that, at the request of the senate commerce and trade committee, the house of representatives commerce and labor committee, or their successor committees, and the governor, the department of general administration and the department of labor and industries shall compile and summarize the agency data and provide a joint report to both committees. The report shall include recommendations on modifications or improvements to the apprentice utilization program and information on skill shortages in each trade or craft.