

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1849

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**As Reported by House Committee On:**  
Transportation

**Title:** An act relating to design-build construction for transportation projects.

**Brief Description:** Preserving the use of design-build construction on certain transportation projects.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Flannigan and Ormsby; by request of Department of Transportation.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 2/14/07, 2/22/07 [DP].

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Removes the expiration date for the directive that the Washington State Department of Transportation develop a design-build process.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 21 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Jarrett, Ranking Minority Member; Schindler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Armstrong, Campbell, Dickerson, Eddy, Ericksen, Hailey, Hankins, Hudgins, Lovick, Rodne, Rolfes, Sells, Simpson, Springer, Takko, Wallace and Wood.

**Staff:** Jeff Olsen (786-7157).

**Background:**

In 1998 the Legislature granted the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) statutory authority to use design-build contracting on two pilot projects, each of which had to cost over \$10 million. The WSDOT was directed to develop criteria for use of the design-build process to include the scope of services, contractor pre-qualification requirements, evaluation criteria, and a dispute-resolution procedure.

In 2001, the Legislature granted the authority to use design-build on projects costing over \$10 million, and extended the expiration date to April 30, 2008. During the 2006 session, the

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Legislature removed the April 30, 2008, expiration date, and authorized up to five pilot projects on smaller design-build projects costing between \$2 and \$5 million.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The expiration date for the Washington State Department of Transportation to develop a design-build process is removed.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) The WSDOT has used design build successfully in delivering several 2003 Nickel projects, and plans to use the process on several up-coming highway projects. Last year the Legislature removed the sunset on a related design-build statute, and this bill would remove the sunset allowing the WSDOT to continue to use the design-build process.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** (In support) Steve Reinmuth, Washington State Department of Transportation.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.