

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESSB 5228

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Regarding construction projects by county forces.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Morton).

**Senate Committee on Transportation**  
**House Committee on Transportation**

**Background:** County road construction projects may be completed through contracting out the work or, under specific criteria, the work may be completed by employees of the county, which is known as day labor. The amount of day labor a county may use is restricted based on the population and the size of the county road construction budget. For the purpose of calculating the allowed use of day labor, counties are separated into those with a population of less than 50,000 people and those with a population that is greater than or equal to 50,000 people. Additionally, they are broken into four categories based on the total amount of the county road construction budget.

**Summary:** The term "day labor" is removed from the language and replaced with "county forces."

For the purpose of calculating the amount of road construction that a county may do using county forces, counties are separated into four groups based on population and provided with a formula to determine the maximum amount:

- Counties with less than 30,000 people may have no more than \$700,000, plus \$700,000 multiplied by the previous year's motor vehicle fuel tax distribution factor in construction programs completed by county forces.
- Counties with between 30,000 and 150,000 people may have no more than \$1.15 million, plus \$1.15 million multiplied by the previous year's motor vehicle fuel tax distribution factor in construction programs completed by county forces.
- Counties with between 150,000 and 400,000 people may have no more than \$1.75 million, plus \$1.75 million multiplied by the previous year's motor vehicle fuel tax distribution factor in construction programs completed by county forces.
- Counties with more than 400,000 people may have no more than \$3.25 million, plus \$3.25 million multiplied by the previous year's motor vehicle fuel tax distribution factor in construction programs completed using county forces.

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**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate 47 0

House 97 0

**Effective:** July 26, 2009