
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5399

State of Washington

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By Senate Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Rockefeller and Shin; by request of Capital Projects Advisory Review Board)

READ FIRST TIME 02/23/09.

1 AN ACT Relating to prompt issuance of change orders for additional
2 work on public works projects; and adding a new section to chapter
3 39.04 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 39.04 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 If the public body and the general contractor agree, in writing, on
8 a price for additional work, the public body must issue a change order
9 within sixty days of the written agreement. If the public body does
10 not issue a change order within the sixty days, interest shall accrue
11 on the dollar amount of the additional work satisfactorily completed
12 until a change order is issued. The public body shall pay this
13 interest at a rate of one percent per month. No interest may accrue on
14 a change order that is timely issued under this section. The general
15 contractor shall present a fully documented pay request for additional
16 work that is satisfactorily completed under a change order executed
17 between the public body and the general contractor. Payment of a fully

1 documented pay request must then be made by the public body in
2 accordance with chapter 39.76 RCW.

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