

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2305

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections, February 20, 2012

**Title:** An act relating to contracts with community service organizations for public improvements.

**Brief Description:** Changing authority for contracts with community service organizations for public improvements.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Angel, Takko and Green.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/01/12, 96-0.

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections: 2/20/12 [DP, DNP, w/oRec].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Pridemore, Chair; Prentice, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Nelson.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Roach.

**Minority Report:** That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Benton.

**Staff:** Karen Epps (786-7424)

**Background:** Various local governments, including cities, towns, counties, metropolitan park districts, park and recreation districts, and park and recreation service areas are authorized to provide park and recreation facilities. Any of these local governments may contract with community service groups to make various park and recreation improvements, or to maintain the facilities, without conforming with competitive bidding requirements if the value of the improvements or maintenance is at least three times the value of any consideration that is paid. These types of services include:

- drawing design plans;
- making improvements to a park, school playground, or public square;

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- installing equipment or artworks; and
- providing maintenance services for a facility.

Volunteers may be used. Annual contractual payments for such projects cannot exceed the greater of \$25,000 or \$2 per resident of the local government, whichever is greater.

**Summary of Bill:** Port districts may contract with community service groups to make various improvements to port habitat sites or to maintain such facilities or environmental stewardship projects, without conforming with competitive bidding requirements if the value of the improvements or maintenance is at least three times the value of any consideration that is paid.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This bill adds port districts so that they have the same benefits that other local governments do in order to do this kind of contract work. This bill is good for the environment, saves taxpayer dollars and provides ports with the same authority that cities, towns, and park districts have so that they can contract with community services groups to make improvements.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Representative Angel, prime sponsor; Sean Eagan, Port of Tacoma.