
Capital Budget Committee

HB 1633

Brief Description: Modifying school district bidding requirements for improvement and repair projects.

Sponsors: Representatives Magendanz, Haigh, Dahlquist, Santos, Pollet, Smith, Wylie, Takko, Angel, Clibborn, Condotta and Scott.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increases competitive bidding limits for school districts.
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Hearing Date: 2/11/13

Staff: Steve Masse (786-7115)

Background:

Competitive bidding is required for purchases, repairs, and improvements by state agencies and municipalities including school districts. Exceptions include:

- Emergency purchases.
- Direct buy purchases as designated by the Department of Enterprise Services.
- Sole source purchases.
- Insurance and bonds required for risk management.
- Purchases for vocational rehabilitation clients.
- Purchases by universities for hospital operation or research purposes.
- Purchases for resale by institutions of higher education when used for purposes of supporting instructional space.
- Certain Washington grown food.

School districts have the authority to make repairs and improvements, and make purchases without competitive bidding when the work or purchases of goods not including books are below

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\$40,000. Purchases and repairs or improvements that are \$40,000 or below may be performed by the school district.

Summary of Bill:

The limit for purchases, repairs, and improvements that require competitive bidding is increased from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

Bidding threshold levels shall be adjusted annually based on federal price indices.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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