

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1841

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Authorizing electronic competitive bidding for state public works contracting.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Stonier, Warnick, Dunshee, Morrell, Ryu and Freeman; by request of Department of Enterprise Services).

**House Committee on Capital Budget**  
**Senate Committee on Governmental Operations**

#### **Background:**

##### Public Works Contracts.

State agencies enter into public works contracts with the low responsive bidder after competitive bidding is done on public work projects. Contractors wishing to bid on a public works project must deliver the bid in paper form to the bid location provided by the state agency.

##### Electronic Signature.

Electronic bidding is the electronic transfer of proposed bidding data between the state agency and contractors bidding on public works projects. Electronic signatures are currently used by the Department of Enterprise Services for the bidding and purchase of goods and services.

##### Chief Information Officer.

The Chief Information Officer (CIO) was established in 2011. The CIO resides within the Office of Financial Management, and coordinates agency goals with information technology and business practices.

#### **Summary:**

Electronic signatures are authorized on public works bidding documents for state agencies. The CIO is required to develop policies for using electronic signatures in public works contracts.

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**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 97 0

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Senate 49 0

**Effective:** June 12, 2014