

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6075

As of January 22, 2014

Title: An act relating to small public works projects for fire departments and regional fire authorities.

Brief Description: Addressing small public works projects for fire departments and regional fire authorities.

Sponsors: Senators Pearson and Hasegawa.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Governmental Operations: 1/23/14.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Staff: Sam Thompson (786-7413)

Background: Generally, local governments must use a formal competitive bid process when contracting for large public works projects. Thresholds for competitive bid requirements vary among local government entities.

Generally, local governments may perform relatively small public works projects using in-house personnel. Fire protection districts and regional fire authorities lack clear authority to use in-house personnel for small public works projects.

Summary of Bill: For work under \$20,000 in any fiscal year, a fire department or regional fire authority may use fire service personnel, either employed or volunteer, to perform the projects without competitive bid.

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.

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