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By Representatives Stonier, Warnick, Dunshee, Morrell, Ryu, and Freeman; by request of Department of Enterprise Services

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1 AN ACT Relating to electronic competitive bidding for state public  
2 works contracting; and adding a new section to chapter 39.04 RCW.

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

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

6 (1) Any state agency authorized to conduct public works contracting  
7 and competitive bidding under this chapter may do so electronically and  
8 may use or accept electronic signatures in these processes. Such  
9 signatures are deemed presumptively valid and enforceable.

10 (2) For purposes of this section:

11 (a) "Electronic signature" means a signature in electronic form  
12 attached to or logically associated with an electronic record.

13 (b) "State agency" means any state office or activity of the  
14 executive and judicial branches of state government, including state  
15 departments, offices, divisions, boards, commissions, institutions of  
16 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, and correctional and  
17 other types of institutions.

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