

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5348

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by Senators Miloscia and Chase).

Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security
House Committee on State Government

Background: Under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, public agencies are authorized to contract with one another to provide services either through cooperative action or when one or more agencies pay another agency for a service. Any power, privilege, or authority held by a public agency may be exercised jointly with one or more other public agencies having the same power, privilege, or authority.

A public agency, for purposes of interlocal agreements, includes any agency, political subdivision, or unit of local government. The term specifically includes municipal corporations, special purpose districts, local service districts, state agencies, federal agencies, recognized Indian tribes, and other states' political subdivisions.

Summary: Two or more public agencies may enter into a contract providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services if the agency complies with the requirements for contracting for those services and the services provided to the other agency are related to the services the architectural or engineering firm is selected to perform.

Any agreement providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services must be executed for a scope of work specifically detailed in the agreement and must be entered into prior to commencement of procurement of the services.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	44	3
House	86	12

Effective: July 24, 2015

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