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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5470

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State of Washington

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By Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick and Liias)

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1 AN ACT Relating to municipal procurement of water services; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 35.21 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 35.21  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Each municipality may contract for asset management service  
7 of its water storage assets in accordance with this section. Each  
8 municipality shall publish notice of its requirements to procure  
9 asset management service of its water storage assets. Such service  
10 may include the inspection, cleaning, maintenance, repair, and  
11 testing of its water storage assets. The announcement must concisely  
12 state the scope and nature of the equipment and services for which a  
13 water storage asset management service contract is required and  
14 encourage firms to submit proposals to meet these requirements.

15 (2) The municipality may negotiate a fair and reasonable water  
16 storage asset management service contract for equipment and services  
17 with the firm that submits the best proposal based on criteria that  
18 is established by the municipality.

19 (3) If the municipality is unable to negotiate a satisfactory  
20 water storage asset management service contract with the firm that  
21 submits the best proposal, negotiations with that firm must formally

1 be terminated and the municipality may select another firm in  
2 accordance with this section and continue negotiation until a water  
3 storage asset management service contract is reached or the selection  
4 process is terminated.

5 (4) For the purposes of this section:

6 (a) "Water storage asset management services" means the  
7 financing, designing, improving, operating, maintaining,  
8 administering, or managing, or any combination thereof, of a water  
9 storage asset.

10 (b) "Water storage asset" means water storage structures and  
11 associated distribution systems, such as the water tank, tower, well,  
12 meter, or water filter.

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