
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5470

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

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

1 (3) If the municipality or water district is unable to negotiate
2 a satisfactory water storage asset management service contract with
3 the firm that submits the best proposal, negotiations with that firm
4 must formally be terminated and the municipality may select another
5 firm in accordance with this section and continue negotiation until a
6 water storage asset management service contract is reached or the
7 selection process is terminated.

8 (4) For the purposes of this section:

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

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

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