

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2052

As Passed House:
March 6, 2017

Title: An act relating to recertification of public bodies using alternative contracting methods.

Brief Description: Concerning recertification of public bodies using alternative contracting methods.

Sponsors: Representative Buys.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Capital Budget: 2/17/17, 2/23/17 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/6/17, 98-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board to receive late applications for certifying public bodies to use alternative contracting methods.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL BUDGET

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 19 members: Representatives Tharinger, Chair; Doglio, Vice Chair; Peterson, Vice Chair; DeBolt, Ranking Minority Member; Smith, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Dye, Johnson, Koster, Kraft, MacEwen, Macri, Morris, Reeves, Riccelli, Ryu, Sells, Steele, Stonier and J. Walsh.

Staff: Steve Masse (786-7115).

Background:

Capital Projects Advisory Review Board.

In 2005 the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB) was established to monitor and evaluate the use of traditional and alternative public works contracting procedures and to

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evaluate potential future use of other alternative contracting procedures. The CPARB also provides a forum in which best practices and concerns about alternative public works contracting can be discussed. The CPARB consists of 23 members, including four Legislative members: two from the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two from the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate.

Alternative Contracting Procedures.

Alternative forms of public works were first used on a very limited basis and then adopted in statute in 1994 for certain pilot projects. These alternative procedures included the Design-Build process and General Contractor Construction Manager process. With some restrictions, the use of alternative public works contracting procedures are authorized to a limited number of public entities. Public entities must apply for certification to use the alternative contracting methods. After three years the public entity must reapply for certification. Criteria for certification includes the public body's qualifications to use alternative contracting methods, capital plan during the certification period, and intended use of alternative contracting.

Summary of Bill:

The CPARB is authorized to accept late recertification applications on a case by case basis.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Public entities have missed the deadline to recertify. The CPARB should have flexibility to accept late applications on a case-by-case basis and is supportive of this change.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Dave Finet and Merritt Mount, Washington Community Action Partnership; and Dale Wilson, Olympia Community Action Programs.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.