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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Irwin, Chapman, Fey, Walsh, Shea, and Riccelli)

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1 AN ACT Relating to county electrical traffic control signals,
2 illumination equipment, and other electrical equipment conveying an
3 electrical current; and amending RCW 36.77.065.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.77.065 and 2009 c 29 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The board may cause any county road to be constructed or improved
8 by use of county forces as provided in this section.

9 (1) As used in this section:

10 (a) "County forces" means regular employees of a county; and

11 (b) "Road construction project costs" means the aggregate total
12 of those costs as defined by the budgeting, accounting, and reporting
13 system for counties and cities and other local governments authorized
14 under RCW 43.09.200 and 43.09.230 as prescribed in the state
15 auditor's budget, accounting, and reporting manual's (BARS) road and
16 street construction accounts: PROVIDED, That such costs shall not
17 include those costs assigned to the right-of-way account, ancillary
18 operations account, preliminary engineering account, and construction
19 engineering account in the budget, accounting, and reporting manual.

20 (2) For counties with a population that equals or exceeds four
21 hundred thousand people, the total amount of road construction

1 project costs one county may perform annually with county forces
2 shall be no more than the total of the following amounts:

3 (a) Three million two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and

4 (b) The previous year's county motor vehicle fuel tax
5 distribution factor, as provided for in RCW 46.68.124(5), multiplied
6 by the amount listed in (a) of this subsection.

7 (3) For counties with a population that equals or exceeds one
8 hundred fifty thousand, but is less than four hundred thousand
9 people, the total amount of road construction project costs one
10 county may perform annually with county forces shall be no more than
11 the total of the following amounts:

12 (a) One million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars; and

13 (b) The previous year's county motor vehicle fuel tax
14 distribution factor, as provided for in RCW 46.68.124(5), multiplied
15 by the amount listed in (a) of this subsection.

16 (4) For counties with a population that equals or exceeds thirty
17 thousand, but is less than one hundred fifty thousand people, the
18 total amount of road construction project costs one county may
19 perform annually with county forces shall be no more than the total
20 of the following amounts:

21 (a) One million one hundred fifty thousand dollars; this amount
22 shall increase to one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars
23 effective January 1, 2012; and

24 (b) The previous year's county motor vehicle fuel tax
25 distribution factor, as provided for in RCW 46.68.124(5), multiplied
26 by the amount listed in (a) of this subsection.

27 (5) For counties with a population that is less than thirty
28 thousand people, the total amount of road construction project costs
29 one county may perform annually with county forces shall be no more
30 than the total of the following amounts:

31 (a) Seven hundred thousand dollars; this amount shall increase to
32 eight hundred thousand dollars effective January 1, 2012; and

33 (b) The previous year's county motor vehicle fuel tax
34 distribution factor, as provided for in RCW 46.68.124(5), multiplied
35 by the amount listed in (a) of this subsection.

36 (6) Any county whose expenditure for county forces for road
37 construction projects exceeds the limits specified in this section,
38 is in violation of the county road administration board's standards
39 of good practice under RCW 36.78.020 and is in violation of this
40 section.

1 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, whenever
2 the construction work or improvement is the installation of
3 electrical traffic control devices, highway illumination equipment,
4 electrical equipment, wires, or equipment to convey electrical
5 current, in an amount exceeding (~~ten~~) forty thousand dollars for
6 any one project including labor, equipment, and materials, such work
7 shall be performed by contract as in this chapter provided. This
8 section means a complete project and does not permit the construction
9 of any project by county forces by division of the project into units
10 of work or classes of work.

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