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1 AN ACT Relating to procurement of architectural and engineering
2 contracts; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state's
5 procurement of architectural and engineering services reached fifty-
6 seven million dollars during the 1989-91 biennium. While the
7 legislature has assured the competitive awarding of contracts for these
8 services that are vital to the construction and maintenance of state
9 facilities and transportation, it has not in recent years reviewed the
10 state's procurement and efficient use of such services. It is
11 therefore the legislature's intent to require a review of the use of
12 state resources for architectural and engineering services and to
13 identify improvements, where necessary.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington state efficiency and
2 accountability commission shall conduct a review of the state's
3 procurement and use of contracted architectural and engineering
4 services for state public works projects. The review shall:

5 (a) Determine agency compliance with statutory competitive bid
6 policies and procedures for the procurement of architectural and
7 engineering services;

8 (b) Examine the procedures and extent of use of contract
9 amendments;

10 (c) Analyze the use of contingency or set-aside funds in
11 contractual agreements;

12 (d) Determine if the state could more efficiently provide its own
13 architectural and engineering services in lieu of contracting; and

14 (e) Provide an analysis of the fees negotiated for architectural
15 and engineering services for the past ten years.

16 (2) The commission shall report its findings and recommendations
17 for areas of improvement and cost savings to the office of financial
18 management and the fiscal committees of the legislature by December 1,
19 1991.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
22 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
23 effect immediately.