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SENATE BILL 5975

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By Senator Pridemore

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1 AN ACT Relating to competitive bid requirements; and reenacting and  
2 amending RCW 36.32.245.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.32.245 and 1993 c 233 s 1 and 1993 c 198 s 7 are  
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) No contract for the purchase of materials, equipment, or  
7 supplies may be entered into by the county legislative authority or by  
8 any elected or appointed officer of the county until after bids have  
9 been submitted to the county. Bid specifications shall be in writing  
10 and shall be filed with the clerk of the county legislative authority  
11 for public inspection. An advertisement shall be published in the  
12 official newspaper of the county stating the time and place where bids  
13 will be opened, the time after which bids will not be received, the  
14 materials, equipment, supplies, or services to be purchased, and that  
15 the specifications may be seen at the office of the clerk of the county  
16 legislative authority. The advertisement shall be published at least  
17 once at least thirteen days prior to the last date upon which bids will  
18 be received.

1           (2) The bids shall be in writing and filed with the clerk. The  
2 bids shall be opened and read in public at the time and place named in  
3 the advertisement. Contracts requiring competitive bidding under this  
4 section may be awarded only to the lowest responsible bidder.  
5 Immediately after the award is made, the bid quotations shall be  
6 recorded and open to public inspection and shall be available by  
7 telephone inquiry. Any or all bids may be rejected for good cause.

8           (3) For advertisement and formal sealed bidding to be dispensed  
9 with as to purchases between (~~two~~) ten thousand (~~five hundred~~) and  
10 (~~twenty-five~~) fifty thousand dollars, the county legislative  
11 authority must use the uniform process to award contracts as provided  
12 in RCW 39.04.190. Advertisement and formal sealed bidding may be  
13 dispensed with as to purchases of less than (~~two~~) ten thousand (~~five~~  
14 ~~hundred~~) dollars upon the order of the county legislative authority.

15           (4) This section does not apply to performance-based contracts, as  
16 defined in RCW 39.35A.020(~~(+3)~~) (4), that are negotiated under chapter  
17 39.35A RCW; or contracts and purchases for the printing of election  
18 ballots, voting machine labels, and all other election material  
19 containing the names of candidates and ballot titles.

20           (5) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the legislative  
21 authority of any county from allowing for preferential purchase of  
22 products made from recycled materials or products that may be recycled  
23 or reused.

24           (6) This section does not apply to contracting for public defender  
25 services by a county.

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