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By Senators Hobbs, Roach, Pridemore, Haugen, Marr, Rasmussen, Rockefeller, Sheldon, and Zarelli

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1            AN ACT Relating to competitive solicitation requirements for public  
2 facilities districts; amending RCW 36.100.030; and reenacting and  
3 amending RCW 35.57.020.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.57.020 and 2002 c 363 s 2 and 2002 c 218 s 25 are  
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7            (1) A public facilities district is authorized to acquire,  
8 construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, finance, and  
9 operate one or more regional centers. For purposes of this chapter,  
10 "regional center" means a convention, conference, or special events  
11 center, or any combination of facilities, and related parking  
12 facilities, serving a regional population constructed, improved, or  
13 rehabilitated after July 25, 1999, at a cost of at least ten million  
14 dollars, including debt service. "Regional center" also includes an  
15 existing convention, conference, or special events center, and related  
16 parking facilities, serving a regional population, that is improved or  
17 rehabilitated after July 25, 1999, where the costs of improvement or  
18 rehabilitation are at least ten million dollars, including debt  
19 service. A "special events center" is a facility, available to the

1 public, used for community events, sporting events, trade shows, and  
2 artistic, musical, theatrical, or other cultural exhibitions,  
3 presentations, or performances. A regional center is conclusively  
4 presumed to serve a regional population if state and local government  
5 investment in the construction, improvement, or rehabilitation of the  
6 regional center is equal to or greater than ten million dollars.

7 (2) A public facilities district may enter into contracts with any  
8 city or town for the purpose of exercising any powers of a community  
9 renewal agency under chapter 35.81 RCW.

10 (3) A public facilities district may impose charges and fees for  
11 the use of its facilities, and may accept and expend or use gifts,  
12 grants, and donations for the purpose of a regional center.

13 (4) A public facilities district may impose charges, fees, and  
14 taxes authorized in RCW 35.57.040, and use revenues derived therefrom  
15 for the purpose of paying principal and interest payments on bonds  
16 issued by the public facilities district to construct a regional  
17 center.

18 (5) Notwithstanding the establishment of a career, civil, or merit  
19 service system, a public facilities district may contract with a public  
20 or private entity for the operation or management of its public  
21 facilities.

22 (6) A public facilities district is authorized to use the  
23 supplemental alternative public works contracting procedures set forth  
24 in chapter 39.10 RCW in connection with the design, construction,  
25 reconstruction, remodel, or alteration of any regional center.

26 (7) A city or town in conjunction with any special agency,  
27 authority, or other district established by a county or any other  
28 governmental agency is authorized to use the supplemental alternative  
29 public works contracting procedures set forth in chapter 39.10 RCW in  
30 connection with the design, construction, reconstruction, remodel, or  
31 alteration of any regional center funded in whole or in part by a  
32 public facilities district.

33 (8) A public facilities district is subject to the competitive  
34 solicitation requirements established in RCW 39.29.011 for personal  
35 service contracts not otherwise governed by the requirements in chapter  
36 39.80 RCW.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.100.030 and 2003 c 376 s 1 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) A public facilities district is authorized to acquire,  
4 construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, and operate  
5 (a) sports facilities, entertainment facilities, convention facilities,  
6 or regional centers as defined in RCW 35.57.020, and (b) for districts  
7 formed after January 1, 2000, recreational facilities other than ski  
8 areas, together with contiguous parking facilities. The taxes that are  
9 provided for in this chapter may only be imposed for these purposes.

10       (2) A public facilities district may enter into agreements under  
11 chapter 39.34 RCW for the joint provision and operation of such  
12 facilities and may enter into contracts under chapter 39.34 RCW where  
13 any party to the contract provides and operates such facilities for the  
14 other party or parties to the contract.

15       (3) Notwithstanding the establishment of a career, civil, or merit  
16 service system, a public facilities district may contract with a public  
17 or private entity for the operation or management of its public  
18 facilities.

19       (4) A public facilities district is authorized to use the  
20 supplemental alternative public works contracting procedures set forth  
21 in chapter 39.10 RCW in connection with the design, construction,  
22 reconstruction, remodel, or alteration of any of its public facilities.

23       (5) A public facilities district may impose charges and fees for  
24 the use of its facilities, and may accept and expend or use gifts,  
25 grants, and donations.

26       (6) A public facilities district is subject to the competitive  
27 solicitation requirements established in RCW 39.29.011 for personal  
28 service contracts not otherwise governed by the requirements in chapter  
29 39.80 RCW.

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