Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee

HB 1200

Brief Description: Expanding the ability to negotiate an adjustment to a bid price on public works to municipalities.

Sponsors: Representatives Haigh, Hunt and Kenney; by request of Capital Projects Advisory Review Board.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Expands authority to negotiate an adjustment to a bid price on a public works project to municipalities.

Hearing Date: 1/23/09

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135)

Background:

Under certain conditions, a state contracting authority may negotiate an adjustment to a bid price on a public works project based upon agreed changes to the contract plans and specifications with the low responsive bidder. These conditions include:

- the bid exceeds the available funds:
- the apparent low responsive bid does not exceed the available funds by 5 percent on projects valued over \$1 million, the greater of \$50,000 or 2.5 percent for projects valued between \$1 million and \$5 million, or the greater of \$125,000 or 1 percent for projects valued over \$5 million; and
- the negotiated adjustment will bring the bid within the amount of available funds.

Summary of Bill:

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The authority to negotiate an adjustment to a bid price on a public works project is expanded to include municipalities.

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.