
SENATE BILL 5444

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By Senators Conway and Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the construction of a state boundary bridge; and
2 amending RCW 47.56.042.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.56.042 and 1984 c 7 s 249 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department is authorized to enter into agreements with any
7 county of this state and/or with an adjoining state or county thereof
8 for the purpose of implementing an investigation of the feasibility of
9 any toll bridge project for the bridging of a river forming a portion
10 of the boundary of this state, and the adjoining state. The department
11 may use funds available to it to carry out the purposes of this
12 subsection. These agreements may provide that if any such project is
13 determined to be feasible and is adopted, any advancement of funds by
14 any state or county may be reimbursed out of any proceeds derived from
15 the sale of bonds or out of tolls and revenues to be derived from the
16 project.

17 (2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for the
18 purpose of constructing a state boundary bridge, the department shall

1 issue a request for proposals to interested parties that must include,
2 at least, the following:

3 (a) A requirement that the contractor comply with all applicable
4 laws, rules, and regulations, including those pertaining to the
5 environment, worker health and safety, apprenticeship utilization, and
6 prevailing wages; and

7 (b) A requirement that the department seek to use products,
8 materials, and components required for the construction of a state
9 boundary bridge that are fabricated within the boundaries of the state
10 of Washington or the adjoining state, or both, unless doing so would
11 jeopardize federal funding, and while considering factors such as the
12 ability to recycle and utilize recycled materials in the construction
13 process, the proximity of fabrication plants to the construction site,
14 and transportation cost and conveniences. For the purposes of this
15 subsection (2)(b), "construction" means fabrication by the joining
16 together, by welding or fastening, of all steel parts from which the
17 total bridge is constructed.

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