# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



## **Capital Budget Committee**

### **HB 1841**

**Brief Description**: Authorizing electronic competitive bidding for state public works contracting.

**Sponsors**: Representatives Stonier, Warnick, Dunshee, Morrell, Ryu and Freeman; by request of Department of Enterprise Services.

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

• Allows for electronic signatures for public works contracts.

Hearing Date: 2/18/13

**Staff**: Steve Masse (786-7115)

#### Background:

#### **Public Works Contracts**

State agencies enter into public works contracts with the low responsive bidder after competitive bidding is done on public work projects. Contractors wishing to bid on a public works project must deliver the bid in paper form to the bid location provided by the state agency.

#### **Electronic Signature**

Electronic bidding is the electronic transfer of proposed bidding data between the state agency and contractors bidding on public works projects. Electronic signatures are currently used by the Department of Enterprise Services for the bidding and purchase of goods and services.

#### **Summary of Bill:**

Electronic signatures are authorized on public works bidding documents for state agencies.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Available.

**Effective Date**: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

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