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1 AN ACT Relating to counties contracting for public defender  
2 services; and 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 1991 c 363 s 62 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) No contract for the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies,  
7 or services may be entered into by the county legislative authority or  
8 by 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 ten days prior to the last date upon which bids will be  
18 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. Immediately after the award is made, the bid  
4 quotations shall be recorded and open to public inspection and shall be  
5 available by telephone inquiry. Any or all bids may be rejected for  
6 good cause.

7 (3) For advertisement and formal sealed bidding to be dispensed  
8 with as to purchases between two thousand five hundred and twenty-five  
9 thousand dollars, the county legislative authority must use the uniform  
10 process to award contracts as provided in RCW 39.04.190.

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

16 (5) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the legislative  
17 authority of any county from allowing for preferential purchase of  
18 products made from recycled materials or products that may be recycled  
19 or reused.

20 (6) This section does not apply to contracting for public defender  
21 services.

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