
HOUSE BILL 2657

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By Representatives Silver and Costa

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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of public works projects; and
2 amending RCW 43.155.010 and 43.155.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.155.010 and 1985 c 446 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The legislature finds that there exists in the state of Washington
7 over four billion dollars worth of critical projects for the planning,
8 acquisition, construction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or
9 improvement of streets and roads, bridges, water systems, and storm and
10 sanitary sewage systems. The December, 1983 Washington state public
11 works report prepared by the planning and community affairs agency
12 documented that local governments expect to be capable of financing
13 over two billion dollars worth of the costs of those critical projects
14 but will not be able to fund nearly half of the documented needs.

15 The legislature further finds that Washington's local governments
16 have unmet financial needs for solid waste disposal, including
17 recycling, and encourages the board to make an equitable geographic
18 distribution of the funds.

1 It is the policy of the state of Washington to encourage self-
2 reliance by local governments in meeting their public works needs and
3 to assist in the financing of critical public works projects by making
4 loans, financing guarantees, and technical assistance available to
5 local governments for these projects.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.155.020 and 1995 c 399 s 85 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
9 this section shall apply throughout this chapter.

10 (1) "Board" means the public works board created in RCW 43.155.030.

11 (2) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
12 economic development.

13 (3) "Financing guarantees" means the pledge of money in the public
14 works assistance account, or money to be received by the public works
15 assistance account, to the repayment of all or a portion of the
16 principal of or interest on obligations issued by local governments to
17 finance public works projects.

18 (4) "Local governments" means cities, towns, counties, special
19 purpose districts, and any other municipal corporations or quasi-
20 municipal corporations in the state excluding school districts and port
21 districts.

22 (5) "Public works project" means a project of a local government
23 for the planning, acquisition, construction, repair, reconstruction,
24 replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of streets and roads,
25 bridges, water systems, or storm and sanitary sewage systems and solid
26 waste facilities, including recycling facilities.

27 (6) "Technical assistance" means training and other services
28 provided to local governments to: (a) Help such local governments
29 plan, apply, and qualify for loans and financing guarantees from the
30 board, and (b) help local governments improve their ability to plan
31 for, finance, acquire, construct, repair, replace, rehabilitate, and
32 maintain public facilities.

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