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Olympia Washington

**BilAnalysis**

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PublicWorks Projects/\$5,000/stater  
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**BACKGROUND:**

Publicworks projects by institutions of higher education with an estimated value of \$25,000 or more must be let by contract. Projects with an estimated value of less than \$25,000 may be awarded in any fashion or may be done in-house. If the estimated value of the projects is less than \$100,000 the contract may be awarded through a small works roster. Projects with an estimated value of \$100,000 or more must be let through formal competitive bidding procedures.

State agencies may use a small works roster to award public works contracts with an estimated value of \$100,000 or less. If a public works project has an estimated value of more than \$100,000, it must be awarded through a formal competitive bidding process. Although the statutes provide certain exceptions from competitive bidding and the small works roster process for contracts with an estimated value over \$25,000, there is no express dollar threshold which specifies when state agencies must let public works projects by contract.

**SUMMARY:**

Any public work by a state agency with an estimated cost in excess of \$5000 must be let by contract either through a small works roster or formal competitive bidding. The public work includes the cost of materials, supplies, equipment and labor.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Requested February 24, 1997.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill passed.