

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1827

As Reported By House Committee On:
State Government

Title: An act relating to public printing.

Brief Description: Concerning printing contracts entered into by state agencies.

Sponsors: Representatives D. Schmidt, Romero and McMorris.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government: 2/17/99, 3/2/99 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- With certain exceptions, printing, binding, and stationary work done for state agencies must be done in this state.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives McMorris, Republican Co-Chair; Campbell, Republican Vice Chair; Miloscia, Democratic Vice Chair; Dunshee; Haigh; Lambert and D. Schmidt.

Minority Report: Without recommendation. Signed by 1 member: Representative Romero, Democratic Co-Chair.

Staff: Steve Lundin (786-7127).

Background:

All printing, binding, and stationary work done for a county, city, town, port district, or school district shall be done in this state. However, this work may be done outside of the state if the:

- work cannot be executed within the state;

- lowest charge for which the work can be procured in the state exceeds the charge usually and customarily made to private individuals and corporations for similar work; or
- bids for the work are excessive and not reasonably competitive.

A similar restriction does not exist for printing done for state agencies.

Summary of Bill:

Printing, binding, and stationary work ordered by a state agency must be done in the state, subject to the same exceptions for out of state work that are currently applicable to such work ordered by a county, city, town, port district, or school district.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 17, 1999.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This brings the state into line with what local governments are required to do. We represent small in-state printers who pay higher wages and have requirements for better working conditions than many out-of-state printers. Our printers can do this work.

Testimony Against: This will increase the costs of printing our pamphlets. We will get only a few bids if we are limited to in-state printers. There will be a lack of competition and higher prices.

Testified: (In favor) Representative D. Schmidt, prime sponsor; Rowland Thompson, Allied Daily Newspapers of Washington; and Robby Stern, Washington State Labor Council.

(In favor with amendments) Gary Smith, Individual Business Association; and Carolyn Logue, National Federation of Independent Businesses.

(Opposed) Brian Edie, Department of Fish and Wildlife.