

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

## Bill Analysis

Bill No. HB 2076

Updating state printing laws.

Brief title

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Sponsor(s)

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State Government Committee

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### BACKGROUND:

The Governor requires appointment of a state printer.

Printing and binding required by all state agencies must be done by the state printer except for printing of the supreme court, court of appeals, and institutions of higher education. The printer prints and certifies orders for printing, including state and local educational publications, historical and genealogical materials. However, state agencies may do their own printing if they have the equipment and may do printing of the state agencies as a part of a course of study relating to the profession of printing. In addition, printing and binding may be done by an institution of higher education of the Department of Social and Health Services in Olympia, may be done directly with a private company if the cost does not exceed \$1,000 as periodically adjusted for inflation.

Institutions of higher education may consult with the state printer to develop and select procedures similar to those used by the state printer for printing jobs.

Printing and other work done or supplied by the state printer for various state agencies must be paid for on a cost basis determined by a standard cost finding system that is maintained by the state printer. The printer may charge no more than the cost of publication plus the cost of the publisher's company. Frank Printing Catalogue is a similar comparable work.

The state printer may secure printing, binding, supplies, or private sources if the state printer determines that it may be more economical to do the work or prepare the supplies. The state printer may, if this printer supplies obtained from private sources, the state printer may add five percent to the bill for cover and handling, but not for contract with state institutions of higher education.

The state printer must furnish paper, stock, and binding materials required for public work other than public work provided by institutions of higher education, and charge the actual plus five percent for

waste, storage, insurance and handling.

**SUMMARY:**

State agencies other than the Legislature are no longer required to have their printing and binding done by the state printer. Institutions of higher education and other state agencies may contract with the state printer or any private company for printing and binding work using the same selection procedures as are similar to those at the state level for contracting for printing and binding work.

The requirement that supplies furnished by the state printer must be paid for on an actual cost basis at five percent markup on paper and stock supplied by the state printer no longer applies.

Whenever state agencies order printing and binding supplies from the state printer, the state printer may secure the work and materials from private sources. The five percent handling charge on work and work that is contracted does not apply to contracts made by a state agency on its own with a private printing company.

**FISCANOTE:** Not requested.

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