

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1073

As of March 16, 1999

Title: An act relating to alternative bid procedures for public hospital districts.

Brief Description: Changing alternative bid processes for public hospital districts.

Sponsors: Representatives D. Schmidt and Romero; by request of Alternative Public Works Methods Oversight Committee.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 3/18/99.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Background: Public hospital districts may use the small works roster process in lieu of the sealed bid process to award contracts for certain public works projects, normally of a medium level dollar value. Current hospital district law permits contracts in excess of \$50,000 to be awarded using the small works roster process.

The small works roster process, as defined in RCW 39.04.155, is a single roster that a hospital district maintains of all responsible contractors that request to be on the list. When a contract is up for bid, the district secures quotes from at least five contractors from the list. Once a contractor bids on a proposal, he or she cannot bid again until all contractors on the list have an opportunity to submit a bid on a contract. However, if the district desires, it may solicit bids from all contractors on the list for each contract.

Summary of Bill: A public hospital district may only use the small works roster process for projects estimated to cost less than \$50,000.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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