

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1601

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COUNTIES--PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS--VENUE OF ACTIONS

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1601** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

Chief Clerk

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State of Washington**

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1 AN ACT Relating to venue of actions by or against counties; and
2 amending RCW 36.01.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.01.050 and 2005 c 282 s 42 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) All actions against any county may be commenced in the
7 superior court of such county, or in the superior court of either of
8 the two nearest judicial districts. All actions by any county shall
9 be commenced in the superior court of the county in which the
10 defendant resides, or in either of the two judicial districts nearest
11 to the county bringing the action.

12 (2) The determination of the nearest judicial districts is
13 measured by the travel time between county seats using major surface
14 routes, as determined by the administrative office of the courts.

15 (3) Any provision in a public works contract with any county that
16 requires actions arising under the contract to be commenced in the
17 superior court of the county is against public policy and the
18 provision is void and unenforceable. This subsection shall not be
19 construed to void any contract provision requiring a dispute arising
20 under the contract to be submitted to arbitration.

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