
SENATE BILL 6507

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By Senators Morton and Sellar

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1 AN ACT Relating to day labor limits; amending RCW 36.77.065; and
2 declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.77.065 and 1980 c 40 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The board may cause any county road to be constructed or improved
7 by day labor as provided in this section.

8 (1) As used in this section, "county road construction budget"
9 means the aggregate total of those costs as defined by the budgeting,
10 accounting, and reporting system for counties and cities and other
11 local governments authorized under RCW 43.09.200 and 43.09.230 as
12 prescribed in the state auditor's budget, accounting, and reporting
13 manual's (BARS) road and street construction accounts 541.00 through
14 541.90 in effect April 1, 1975: PROVIDED, That such costs shall not
15 include those costs assigned to the preliminary engineering account
16 541.11, right of way accounts 541.20 through 541.25, ancillary
17 operations account 541.80, and ferries account 541.81 in the budget,
18 accounting, and reporting manual.

1 (2) The total amount of day labor construction programs one county
2 may perform annually shall total no more than the amounts determined in
3 the following manner:

4 (a) Any county with a total annual county road construction budget
5 of four million dollars or more may accumulate a day labor road
6 construction budget equal to no more than eight hundred thousand
7 dollars or fifteen percent of the county's total annual county road
8 construction budget, whichever is greater.

9 (b) Any county with a total annual county road construction budget
10 over one million five hundred thousand dollars and less than four
11 million dollars may accumulate a day labor road construction budget
12 equal to not more than five hundred twenty-five thousand dollars or
13 ((~~twenty~~)) thirty percent of the county's total annual county road
14 construction budget, whichever is greater.

15 (c) Any county with a total annual county road construction budget
16 over five hundred thousand dollars and less than one million five
17 hundred thousand dollars may accumulate a day labor road construction
18 budget equal to two hundred fifty thousand dollars or thirty-five
19 percent of the county's total annual county road construction budget,
20 whichever is greater.

21 (d) Any county with a total annual county road construction budget
22 less than five hundred thousand dollars may accumulate a day labor road
23 construction budget equal to two hundred fifty thousand dollars:
24 PROVIDED, That any county with a total annual road construction budget
25 of less than five hundred thousand dollars may, by resolution of the
26 board at the time the county road construction budget is adopted, elect
27 to construct or improve county roads by day labor in an amount not to
28 exceed thirty-five thousand dollars on any one project, including
29 labor, equipment, and materials; such election to be in lieu of the two
30 hundred fifty thousand dollar limit provided for in this section,
31 except that any project means a complete project and the division of
32 any project into units of work or classes of work so as to permit
33 construction by day labor is not authorized.

34 Any county that adopts a county road construction budget
35 unreasonably exceeding that county's actual road construction
36 expenditures for the same budget year which has the effect of
37 permitting the county to exceed the day labor amounts established in
38 this section is in violation of the county road administration board's
39 standards of good practice under RCW 36.78.020 and is in violation of

1 this section. Any county, whose expenditure for day labor for road
2 construction projects unreasonably exceeds the limits specified in this
3 section, is in violation of the county road administration board's
4 standards of good practice under RCW 36.78.020 and is in violation of
5 this section.

6 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, whenever
7 the construction work or improvement is the installation of electrical
8 traffic control devices, highway illumination equipment, electrical
9 equipment, wires, or equipment to convey electrical current, in an
10 amount exceeding ten thousand dollars for any one project including
11 labor, equipment, and materials, such work shall be performed by
12 contract as in this chapter provided. This section means a complete
13 project and does not permit the construction of any project by day
14 labor by division of the project into units of work or classes of work.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
17 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
18 immediately.

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