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## Transportation Committee

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### SB 5179

**Brief Description:** Concerning county electrical traffic control signals, illumination equipment, and other electrical equipment conveying an electrical current.

**Sponsors:** Senators Liias, King, Takko and Rolfes.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Removes a provision requiring counties to contract for certain electrical projects that cost more than \$10,000.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 4/1/19

**Staff:** David Munnecke (786-7315).

**Background:**

A county may usually construct or improve any county road using regular employees of the county, subject to certain monetary limitations.

For counties with a population of 400,000 or more, the maximum annual cost of road construction projects undertaken by county employees may not exceed \$3,250,000 plus this same amount multiplied by the previous year's county motor vehicle fuel tax distribution factor (distribution factor). For counties with a population equal to or greater than 150,000 and less than 400,000, the maximum annual cost of road construction projects undertaken by county employees may not exceed \$1,750,000 plus this same amount multiplied by the previous year's distribution factor. For counties with a population equal to or greater than 30,000 and less than 150,000, the maximum annual cost of road construction projects undertaken by county employees may not exceed \$1,250,000 plus this same amount multiplied by the previous year's distribution factor. For counties with a population of less than 30,000, the maximum annual cost of road construction projects undertaken by county employees may not exceed \$700,000 plus this same amount multiplied by the previous year's distribution factor.

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Whenever the construction work or improvement is the installation of electrical traffic control devices, highway illumination equipment, electrical equipment, wires, or equipment to convey electrical current, in an amount exceeding \$10,000 for any one project including labor, equipment, and materials, the work must be performed by contract.

**Summary of Bill:**

Counties are no longer required to contract for projects that exceed \$10,000 in cost and involve the installation of electrical traffic control devices, highway illumination equipment, electrical equipment, wires, or equipment to convey electrical current.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.