

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5179

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Synopsis as Enacted

**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.

**Senate Committee on Local Government**  
**House Committee on Transportation**

**Background:** Generally, a county may construct or improve any county road using its county forces or regular employees. For counties with a population of 400,000 or more, the maximum annual cost of road construction projects may not exceed \$3,250,000 multiplied by the previous year's county motor vehicle fuel tax distribution factor (distribution factor). For counties with a population of between 150,000 and 400,000, the maximum annual cost of road construction projects may not exceed \$1,750,000 multiplied by the previous year's distribution factor. For counties with a population of between 30,000 and 150,000, the maximum annual cost of road construction projects may not exceed \$1,250,000 multiplied by the previous year's distribution factor. Counties with a population of less than 30,000 may perform projects of up to \$80,000 multiplied by the previous year's distribution factor.

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:** The dollar amount for projects that counties must contract for is increased from \$10,000 to \$40,000 for projects that involve the installation of electrical traffic control devices, highway illumination equipment, electrical equipment, wires, or equipment to convey electrical current.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	48	0	
House	98	0	(House amended)
Senate	46	0	(Senate concurred)

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**Effective:** July 28, 2019