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By Senators McCaslin, Madsen, Patterson, Vognild, Saling, West, Stratton, Sutherland, Gaspard, Wojahn and Rasmussen.

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1 AN ACT Relating to preference for in-state contractors on public
2 works projects; and adding a new section to Title 39 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to Title 39 RCW to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) To the extent allowable under federal laws and regulations, the
7 state of Washington, its agencies and departments, and any city,
8 county, or other public body, in awarding public contracts for public
9 works, shall award a public works contract to the lowest responsible
10 resident contractor whose bid does not exceed the bid of the lowest
11 nonresident contractor when the nonresident's bid is multiplied by the
12 percentage that applies to a resident contractor in the award of a
13 public works contract in the nonresident contractor's state of
14 residence.

1 (2) "Resident contractor" means a contractor that has paid business
2 taxes in this state during the twelve calendar months immediately
3 preceding submission of the bid, has a business address in this state,
4 and has stated in the bid whether the contractor is a "resident
5 contractor." "Nonresident contractor" means a bidder who is not a
6 "resident contractor" as defined in this subsection.