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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 36.32.240 and 1993 c 198 s 5 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) In any county the county legislative authority may by
10 resolution establish a county purchasing department.

11 (2) In each county with a population of less than one million which
12 exercises this option, the purchasing department shall contract on a
13 competitive basis for all public works, enter into leases of personal
14 property on a competitive basis, and purchase all supplies, materials,
15 and equipment, on a competitive basis, for all departments of the
16 county, as provided in this chapter and chapter 39.04 RCW, except that
17 the county purchasing department is not required to make purchases for
18 the county hospital, or make purchases that are paid from the county
19 road fund or equipment rental and revolving fund.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.32 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 (1) In each county with a population of one million or more which
23 by resolution establishes a county purchasing department, the
24 purchasing department shall enter into leases of personal property on
25 a competitive basis and purchase all supplies, materials, and equipment
26 on a competitive basis, for all departments of the county, as provided
27 in this chapter and chapter 39.04 RCW, except that the county
28 purchasing department is not required to make purchases that are paid
29 from the county road fund or equipment rental and revolving fund.

30 (2) As used in this section, "public works" has the same definition
31 as in RCW 39.04.010.

32 (3) Except as otherwise specified in this chapter or in chapter
33 36.77 RCW, all counties subject to these provisions shall contract on
34 a competitive basis for all public works after bids have been submitted
35 to the county upon specifications therefor. Such specifications shall

1 be in writing and shall be filed with the clerk of the county
2 legislative authority for public inspection.

3 (4) An advertisement shall be published in the county official
4 newspaper stating the time and place where bids will be opened, the
5 time after which bids will not be received, the character of the work
6 to be done, the materials and equipment to be furnished, and that
7 specifications therefor may be seen at the office of the clerk of the
8 county legislative authority. An advertisement shall also be published
9 in a legal newspaper of general circulation in or as near as possible
10 to that part of the county in which such work is to be done. If the
11 county official newspaper is a newspaper of general circulation
12 covering at least forty percent of the residences in that part of the
13 county in which such public works are to be done, then the publication
14 of an advertisement of the applicable specifications in the county
15 official newspaper is sufficient. Such advertisements shall be
16 published at least once at least thirteen days prior to the last date
17 upon which bids will be received.

18 (5) The bids shall be in writing, shall be filed with the clerk,
19 shall be opened and read in public at the time and place named therefor
20 in the advertisements, and after being opened, shall be filed for
21 public inspection. No bid may be considered for public work unless it
22 is accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a surety bond, postal
23 money order, cash, cashier's check, or certified check in an amount
24 equal to five percent of the amount of the bid proposed.

25 (6) The contract for the public work shall be awarded to the lowest
26 responsible bidder. Any or all bids may be rejected for good cause.
27 The county legislative authority shall require from the successful
28 bidder for such public work a contractor's bond in the amount and with
29 the conditions imposed by law.

30 (7) If the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fails to enter
31 into the contract and furnish the contractor's bond as required within
32 ten days after notice of the award, exclusive of the day of notice, the
33 amount of the bid deposit shall be forfeited to the county and the
34 contract awarded to the next lowest and best bidder. The bid deposit
35 of all unsuccessful bidders shall be returned after the contract is
36 awarded and the required contractor's bond given by the successful
37 bidder is accepted by the county legislative authority. Immediately
38 after the award is made, the bid quotations obtained shall be recorded

1 and open to public inspection and shall be available by telephone
2 inquiry.

3 (8) As limited by subsection (10) of this section, a county subject
4 to these provisions may have public works performed by county employees
5 in any annual or biennial budget period equal to a dollar value not
6 exceeding ten percent of the public works construction budget,
7 including any amount in a supplemental public works construction
8 budget, over the budget period.

9 Whenever a county subject to these provisions has had public works
10 performed in any budget period up to the maximum permitted amount for
11 that budget period, all remaining public works except emergency work
12 under subsection (12) of this section within that budget period shall
13 be done by contract pursuant to public notice and call for competitive
14 bids as specified in subsection (3) of this section. The state auditor
15 shall report to the state treasurer any county subject to these
16 provisions that exceeds this amount and the extent to which the county
17 has or has not reduced the amount of public works it has performed by
18 public employees in subsequent years.

19 (9) If a county subject to these provisions has public works
20 performed by public employees in any budget period that are in excess
21 of this ten percent limitation, the amount in excess of the permitted
22 amount shall be reduced from the otherwise permitted amount of public
23 works that may be performed by public employees for that county in its
24 next budget period. Ten percent of the motor vehicle fuel tax
25 distributions to that county shall be withheld if two years after the
26 year in which the excess amount of work occurred, the county has failed
27 to so reduce the amount of public works that it has performed by public
28 employees. The amount withheld shall be distributed to the county when
29 it has demonstrated in its reports to the state auditor that the amount
30 of public works it has performed by public employees has been reduced
31 as required.

32 (10) In addition to the percentage limitation provided in
33 subsection (8) of this section, counties subject to these provisions
34 containing a population of one million or more shall not have public
35 employees perform a public works project in excess of seventy thousand
36 dollars if more than a single craft or trade is involved with the
37 public works project, or a public works project in excess of twenty-
38 five thousand dollars if only a single craft or trade is involved with
39 the public works project. A public works project means a complete

1 project. The restrictions in this subsection do not permit the
2 division of the project into units of work or classes of work to avoid
3 the restriction on work that may be performed by public employees on a
4 single project.

5 The cost of a separate public works project shall be the costs of
6 materials, supplies, equipment, and labor on the construction of that
7 project. The value of the public works budget shall be the value of
8 all the separate public works projects within the budget.

9 (11) In addition to the accounting and recordkeeping requirements
10 contained in chapter 39.04 RCW, any county which uses public employees
11 to perform public works projects under RCW 36.32.240(1) shall prepare
12 a year-end report to be submitted to the state auditor indicating the
13 total dollar amount of the county's public works construction budget
14 and the total dollar amount for public works projects performed by
15 public employees for that year.

16 The year-end report submitted pursuant to this subsection to the
17 state auditor shall be in accordance with the standard form required by
18 RCW 43.09.205.

19 (12) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, counties
20 may use public employees without any limitation for emergency work
21 performed under an emergency declared pursuant to RCW 36.32.270, and
22 any such emergency work shall not be subject to the limitations of this
23 section. Publication of the description and estimate of costs relating
24 to correcting the emergency may be made within seven days after the
25 commencement of the work. Within two weeks of the finding that such an
26 emergency existed, the county legislative authority shall adopt a
27 resolution certifying the damage to public facilities and costs
28 incurred or anticipated relating to correcting the emergency.
29 Additionally this section shall not apply to architectural and
30 engineering or other technical or professional services performed by
31 public employees in connection with a public works project.

32 (13) In lieu of the procedures of subsections (3) through (11) of
33 this section, a county may use a small works roster process and award
34 contracts for public works projects with an estimated value of ten
35 thousand dollars up to one hundred thousand dollars as provided in RCW
36 39.04.155.

37 Whenever possible, the county shall invite at least one proposal
38 from a minority or woman contractor who shall otherwise qualify under
39 this section.

1 (14) This section does not apply to performance-based contracts, as
2 defined in RCW 39.35A.020(3), that are negotiated under chapter 39.35A
3 RCW.

4 (15) Nothing in this section prohibits any county from allowing for
5 preferential purchase of products made from recycled materials or
6 products that may be recycled or reused."

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10 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "projects;" strike the
11 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 36.32.240; and adding
12 a new section to chapter 36.32 RCW."

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