

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5735

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As of February 26, 2003

**Title:** An act relating to adjusting the limit applicable to the contracting of public works by a special purpose water-sewer district.

**Brief Description:** Adjusting the limit applicable to the contracting of public works by a special purpose water-sewer district.

**Sponsors:** Senators Eide, Winsley, T. Sheldon, Oke, Doumit and McCaslin.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations & Elections: 2/26/03.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Staff:** Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

**Background:** A water-sewer district must put all work ordered, with an estimated cost above \$5,000, out for competitive bid. Alternatively, a district can use a small works roster to award public works contracts with an estimated cost of \$200,000 or less, or the limited public works process for projects with an estimated cost of less than \$35,000.

**Summary of Bill:** Public work, other than ordinary maintenance, of a value of not more than 10 percent of the public works construction budget for the year, as expressed in a capital improvement plan adopted by the board of commissioners, is performed by employees of the district.

When a district has public works projects performed by employees of the district during a calendar year exceeding 1 percent of the public works construction budget, a report must be prepared and made available to the State Auditor.

The threshold for public works projects at which competitive bidding is required is changed to \$25,000.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.