Washington State House of Representatives

BILL ANALYSIS

Office of Program Research

State Government Operations & Accountability Committee

HB 1437

Brief Description: Authorizing the department of general administration to enter into additional job order contracts.

Sponsors: Representatives Haigh, Nixon, Green and Miloscia; by request of Department of General Administration.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Extends the number of job order contracts in effect at any one time from two to ten for the Department of General Administration.

Hearing Date: 2/2/05

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

Several different state agencies and local governments have been authorized to use alternative public works contracting procedures. One alternative procedure is the design-build procedure. Another alternative procedure is the general contractor/construction manager procedure. In 2003, job order contracting was authorized as an alternative public works contracting procedure.

Under a job order contract, a contractor agrees to perform an indefinite quantity of public works jobs, defined under individual work orders, over a fixed period of time. A public entity may not have more than two job order contracts in effect at any one time. The maximum total dollar amount that is awarded under a job order contract may not exceed \$3 million in the first year, \$5 million over the first two years, or \$8 million over a three-year period if the contract is renewed or extended.

Authority to use alternative public works contracting procedures terminates July 1, 2007.

Summary of Bill:

The Department of General Administration may have up to ten job order contracts in effect at any one time.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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