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**State Government & Tribal  
Affairs Committee**

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**HB 1914**

**Brief Description:** Changing public works provisions for institutions of higher education.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Buri, Hunt, Hinkle, Sells and Wood.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Raises the bid limits from \$35,000 to \$50,000 and, in the case of a single trade, from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for building, construction, renovation, remodeling, or demolition projects at a regional or state university, at the Evergreen State College, or at a community college.

**Hearing Date:** 2/23/07

**Staff:** Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

**Background:**

Whenever the cost of building, construction, renovation, remodeling, or demolition is more than \$35,000 at a regional or state university, or at The Evergreen State College, the project is subject to a public bid process. If a project involves one trade or craft area, such as electrical, and the estimated cost is \$15,000 or more, the project must be bid. If a project is estimated to cost \$25,000 or more, the project is deemed a "public works" and the prevailing rate of wage must be paid on that project. The public bid process is not required if a contract is awarded under the small works roster process. The small works roster process may be used for projects estimated to cost \$200,000 or less.

**Summary of Bill:**

Requirements for a public bid process at regional and state universities, and The Evergreen State College are modified. Projects estimated to cost \$50,000 or more must be bid. If the project involves one trade or craft area, it must be bid if the estimated cost is \$20,000 or more. Community colleges are added as an entity to which these provisions apply.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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