State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee

HB 1196

Brief Description: Increasing the dollar limit for small works roster projects.

Sponsors: Representatives Haigh, Kristiansen, Hunt and Armstrong; by request of Capital Projects Advisory Review Board.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Increases the small works roster limit to \$300,000.

Hearing Date: 1/23/09

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135)

Background:

State agencies and certain local governments may use a small works roster process to award contracts for public works estimated to cost \$200,000 or less. A single roster may be created or different rosters for different specialties or categories of anticipated work. In addition, distinctions may be made between contractors based on geographic areas. The agency or local government may solicit bids from all appropriate contractors on the roster, but at a minimum five bids must be solicited. The contract, if awarded, is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. An effort must be made to equitably distribute the opportunity among contractors on the appropriate roster if bids are solicited from less than all contractors on the roster.

If the estimated cost of the work is between \$100,000 and \$200,000, and the state agency or local government chooses to solicit bids from less than all the appropriate contractors, the remaining contractors on the roster must be notified that quotations on the work are being sought.

Summary of Bill:

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The maximum dollar amount allowed for use of a small works roster process is raised from \$200,000 to \$300,000, and the dollar amount requiring notification of all contractors on the roster is changed from between \$100,000 and \$200,000 to \$150,000 and \$300,000.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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