

**SHB 1103 - H AMD 179**

By Representative Dahlquist

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1 On page 2, after line 12, insert the following:

2 "(a) A county auditor may not terminate an existing contract early  
3 in order to use a state master contract under this section unless  
4 sufficient savings and efficiencies are expected to outweigh the costs  
5 and risks associated with early termination.

6 (b) The governor has the authority to terminate any state contract  
7 under this section in accordance with state law, federal law, or  
8 contractual provisions.

9 (c) A master contract under this section is limited to no more  
10 than three years with all potential extensions not to exceed ten  
11 years; and

12 (13) The department of enterprise services must develop a process  
13 whereby it uses price quotes from local businesses to determine  
14 current prices and labor rates prior to granting contractual increases  
15 for a master contract under this section. Findings must be posted  
16 publicly ten days prior to the department authorizing any contractual  
17 increase. Only with the governor's approval may a contract be  
18 increased in amounts exceeding the estimated real gross domestic  
19 product growth rate for the year as forecast by the Washington state  
20 economic and revenue forecast council.

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**EFFECT:** Prohibits a county auditor from terminating an existing contract early unless savings and efficiencies are expected to outweigh the costs and risks associated with early terms. States the governor's authority to terminate any contract; limits a master contract to no more than 3 years with extensions not to exceed 10 years; and requires the Department of Enterprise Services to develop

a process using price quotes from local businesses to determine current prices and labor rates prior to granting a contractual increase; requires those findings to be posted 10 days prior to a contractual increase; and requires the Governor's approval to increase a contract that exceeds the estimated real gross domestic product growth rate for the year.

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