
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1841

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By House Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Stonier, Warnick, Dunshee, Morrell, Ryu, and Freeman; by request of Department of Enterprise Services)

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1 AN ACT Relating to electronic competitive bidding for state public
2 works contracting; and adding a new section to chapter 39.04 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 39.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Any state agency authorized to conduct public works contracting
7 and competitive bidding under this chapter may do so electronically and
8 may use or accept electronic signatures in these processes. Such
9 signatures are deemed presumptively valid and enforceable.

10 (2) For purposes of this section:

11 (a) "Electronic signature" means a signature in electronic form
12 attached to or logically associated with an electronic record.

13 (b) "State agency" means any state office or activity of the
14 executive and judicial branches of state government, including state
15 departments, offices, divisions, boards, commissions, institutions of
16 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, and correctional and
17 other types of institutions.

18 (3) The office of chief information officer, in coordination with
19 the department of enterprise services and all state agencies with

1 contracting authority under this chapter, must establish standards and
2 policies for the electronic submittal of bids and electronic signatures
3 in public works contracting and competitive bidding processes.

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