

ESHB 1589 - S AMD TO ENET COMM AMD (S-5030.1/24) **756**
By Senator Nguyen

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1 On page 16, line 20, after "interest" insert ", and the
2 construction, investment, or purchase, including entering into a
3 power purchase agreement, complies with the commission's
4 administrative rules governing electric resource procurement"

5 On page 27, line 3, after "The" strike "large combination
6 utility" and insert "project owner"

EFFECT: (1) Clarifies that the utilities and transportation commission (UTC) may approve, reject, or approve with conditions a large combination utility's application for a certificate of necessity if the construction, investment, or purchase is in the public interest and complies with the UTC's administrative rules governing electric resource procurement.

(2) Directs that the project owner, rather than the large combination utility, and the prime contractor and subcontractors have the absolute right to select bidders for the award of contracts on a specified project under a large combination utility's integrated system plan that is part of a competitive solicitation and costs more than \$10,000,000.

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