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CPARB SPONSORED BILLS, SUPPORTED BILLS OR REQUESTING ACTIVITY			
SSB 5773	<p>Concerning alternative procurement and delivery models for transportation projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a new statutory framework for the implementation of public private partnerships for transportation projects. Requires the Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to develop a process for awarding contracts for highway projects over \$2 million to use a progressive design-build (PDB) or any general contractor/construction manager (GC/CM) procedure. Requires WSDOT to consult with the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board <i>for any recommendations or feedback</i> after identifying PDB or GC/CM procedures as the preferred delivery method, for projects over \$100 million, for any recommendations or feedback. Requires the Joint Transportation Committee to collaborate with WSDOT to evaluate the alliance contracting procedure as a potential <i>project</i> delivery model for transportation projects, with a report due by July 1, 2027. <p><i>[1st Sub Summary relating to CPARB: Until June 30, 2031, and after identifying the PDB procedure or any GC/CM procedure as the preferred delivery method for a project in excess of \$100 million, WSDOT must consult with CPARB to review the selected delivery method for the project and provide any recommendations or feedback for consideration. WSDOT and CPARB must collaboratively develop and implement the coordination and details of this consultation. Public Testimony recommends removing CPARB approval for PDB and GC/CM.]</i></p>	Liias, King/	<p>4/8 Exec Session House Transportation</p> <p>4/3 Public Hearing; House Transportation</p> <p>3/13 Senate 1st Read; Referred to Transportation</p> <p>3/11 1st Sub-Sub; Rules Suspended; Placed on 3rd Read; Passed</p> <p>3/7 Placed on 2nd Read by Rules</p> <p>2/28 Passed to Rules for 2nd Read</p> <p>2/27 Exec Action; Senate Transportation 1st Sub</p> <p>2/25 Public Hearing; Senate Transportation</p> <p>2/21 1st Read; Referred to Transportation</p>
SHB 1967	<p>Modifying bonding requirements in the design portion of design-build public works projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides that, for public works design-build projects, a performance and payment bond is not required for the portion of the design-build contract that includes design services. <p><i>[Summary of Sub from House Report: For design-build public works projects, the performance and payment bond must be in an amount not less than the dollar value of the contracted amount of the construction portion of the contract. A performance and payment bond is not required for the portion of the designbuild contract that includes design services, preconstruction services, and other services that are not public works construction.]</i></p>	Zahn, Griffey, Nance	<p>4/7 Placed on 2nd Read by Rules</p> <p>3/29 Passed to Rules for 2nd Read</p> <p>3/28 Exec Action Senate State Gov, Tribal Affairs & Elections; Pass</p> <p>3/25 Public Hearing Senate State Gov, Tribal Affairs & Elections</p> <p>3/13 Senate 1st Read; Referred to State Gov, Tribal Affairs & Elections.</p> <p>3/11 1st Sub-Sub; Rules Suspended; Placed on 3rd Read; Passed</p> <p>3/10 Rules relieved; Placed on 2nd Read.</p> <p>2/28 Referred to Rules 2 Review</p> <p>2/26 Exec Action; House Capital Budget 1st Sub</p> <p>2/20 Public Hearing, House Cap Budget</p> <p>2/13 1st Read; Ref to Capital Budget</p>
HB 1970	<p>Concerning state highway construction project alternative contracting procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to use alternative public works contracting procedures, as defined in public works statutes, including design-build, progressive design-build, or general contracting/construction manager (GC/CM) processes. Includes progressive design-build and GC/CM procedures in the WSDOT processes for awarding competitively bid highway construction contracts using alternative public works contracting procedures. Excludes the WSDOT from seeking Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (Board) certification requirements to use the design-build or GC/CM contracting procedure on individual projects. Allows for the WSDOT to no longer be subjected to Board approval requirements for GC/CM projects after delivering three GC/CM projects approved by the Board. 	Zahn, Donaghy	<p>4/8 Exec action Senate Transportation Pass</p> <p>4/1 Public Hearing Senate Transportation</p> <p>3/7 Senate 1st Read; Referred to Transportation</p> <p>3/5 Rules Suspended; Placed on 3rd Read; Passed</p> <p>3/4 Rules relieved of further consideration; Placed on 2nd Read.</p> <p>2/28 Referred to Rules 2 Review</p> <p>2/26 Exec Action; House Transportation Pass</p> <p>2/24 Public Hearing; House Transportation</p> <p>2/13 1st Read; Ref to Transportation</p>

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BILLS OF INTEREST – ACTIVE (changes highlighted)			
<u>E2SHB 1549</u> Companion <u>SB 5476</u> (Dead)	<p>Modifying the responsible bidder criteria for public works projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows a contractor to bid on a public works project without receiving training on public works and prevailing wage if it has completed at least one public works project within the previous three years and not received a citation for certain violations within that time. Requires bidders who are awarded a contract with apprentice utilization requirements to submit an apprentice utilization plan, but allows contracting agencies to exempt certain bidders from this requirement unless the bidder met or exceeded apprentice utilization requirements on the last public works project it completed. Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to publish certain information on its website and develop an apprentice utilization plan template. <p>[Summary on page 3-4 of E2S House Bill Report.]</p>	Fosse, Obras, Berry, Reed, Goodman, Stearns, Parshley, Callan, Salahuddin, Taylor, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Scott, Macri, Hill	<p>4/7 Rules Suspended. Placed on 3rd Read. Pass</p> <p>4/2 Placed on 2nd Read by Rules.</p> <p>3/29 On motion, referred to Rules for 2nd Read</p> <p>3/28 Exec Action Senate State Gov, Tribal Affairs & Elections; Pass and Refer to Ways & Means</p> <p>3/25 Public Hearing Senate State Gov, Tribal Affairs & Elections</p> <p>3/12 Senate 1st Read; Referred to State Gov, Tribal Affairs & Elections</p> <p>3/10 2nd Sub; Floor Amendment Adopted; Rules Suspended. Placed on 3rd Read - Passed</p> <p>3/4 Rule Relieved of Consideration; Placed on 2nd Read.</p> <p>2/28 Exec Action; House Appropriations; 2nd Sub; Referred to Rules 2 Review</p> <p>2/27 Referred to Appropriations, Public Hearing House Appropriations</p> <p>2/26 Exec Action; House Capital Budget 2nd Sub</p> <p>2/25 Public Hearing; House Cap Budget</p> <p>2/18 Referred to Capital Budget</p> <p>2/14 Exec Action, House Comm Labor & Workplace Standards, 1st Sub-pass</p> <p>2/14 Exec Session House Comm Labor & Workplace Standards</p> <p>2/4 Public Hearing; House Comm Labor & Workplace Standards</p> <p>1/23 1st Read, Ref to Labor & Workplace Standards</p>
<u>HB 1633</u>	<p>Concerning prime contractor bidding submission requirements on public works contracts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that certain subcontractors named by prime contractors in public works projects be licensed at the time they are named by the prime contractor. Removes the inability of a subcontractor to obtain the necessary license as a basis for which a prime contractor may substitute a listed subcontractor. Removes an outdated direction to the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board to prepare a report. <p>Committee Amendment: On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "contracts;" strike the 16 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 39.30.060."</p> <p>EFFECT: Permits prime contract bidders, within 48 hours of submission, to correct errors in proof of subcontractor license information identified by the contracting agency.</p>	Hill (Prime), Waters, Bergquist, Obras, Taylor, J., Ormsby, Berry, Peterson, Gregerson, Parshley, Reed, Reeves, Simmons, Thomas, Nance	<p>4/7 Committee Amendment adopted w/no other amendments. Rules suspended. Placed on 3rd Read. Pass.</p> <p>4/2 Placed on 2nd Read</p> <p>3/29 Passed to Rules for 2nd Read</p> <p>3/28 Exec Action Senate State Gov, Tribal Affairs & Elections; Pass</p> <p>3/18 Public Hearing State Gov, Tribal Affairs & Elections</p> <p>3/7 Senate 1st Read; Referred to State Gov, Tribal Affairs & Elections</p> <p>3/5 Rules Suspended; Placed on 3rd Read.</p> <p>Passed</p> <p>3/4 Rules Relieved; Placed on 2nd Read</p> <p>2/28 Referred to Rules 2 Review</p> <p>2/26 Exec Action; House Transportation - Pass</p> <p>2/24 Public Hearing; House Transportation</p> <p>2/17 Referred to Transportation</p> <p>2/13 Exec Action House Cap Budget - Pass</p> <p>2/13 Exec Session House Capital Budget</p> <p>2/6 Public Hearing; House Comm. Capital Budget</p> <p>1/27 1st Read, Ref to Capital Budget</p>

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E2SSB 5061	<p>Requiring certain wages in public works contracts to be at least the prevailing wage in effect when the work is performed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires public works contracts to provide for the payment of prevailing wages at the time the work is performed include annual adjustments to the minimum hourly wages for laborers, workers, and mechanics annually based on the latest prevailing wages. rate, with some exceptions, rather than basing those wages on the prevailing wage rate in effect at the time of the applicable contract bid or award. <p><i>[Summary of E2SSB: Except for small works roster projects or residential construction, public works contracts must stipulate that the hourly minimum rate of wage for laborers, workers, or mechanics must be adjusted annually, based on the contract date, to provide that such wage is not less than the latest prevailing rate of wage.]</i></p>	Conway, Saldaña, Riccelli, Lias, Valdez, Chapman, Hasegawa, Nobles, Salomon, Stanford	<p>4/1 Referred to Capital Budget</p> <p>3/28 Exec Action House Labor & Workplace Standards; LAWS Pass</p> <p>3/25 Public Hearing House Labor & Workplace Standards</p> <p>3/14 1st Read, Ref. to House Labor & Workplace Standards</p> <p>3/12 2nd Sub-Sub & Floor Amend adopted; Rules Suspended; Placed on 3rd Read</p> <p>3/11 2nd Read by Rules</p> <p>2/26 On Motion; Referred to Rules for 2nd Read</p> <p>2/25 Exec Action; Senate Transportation; 2nd Sub & Referred to Ways & Means</p> <p>2/24 Public Hearing; Senate Transportation</p> <p>2/21 Exec Action, Senate Labor & Commerce; 1st Sub – Pass; Referred to Transportation</p> <p>2/7 Exec Session Senate Comm on Labor & Commerce</p> <p>1/24 Public Hearing Sen Comm. Labor & Commerce</p> <p>1/13 1st Read, referred to Labor & Commerce</p> <p>12/16 Prefiled</p>
DEAD BILLS			
HB 1256	<p>Concerning products manufactured in the United States for the purposes of public works projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that public works projects receiving more than \$500,000 of state capital funds must require that the iron, steel, aluminum, and manufactured products used or supplied in the performance of the contract, or any subcontract be manufactured in the United States, unless otherwise exempted. Establishes a waiver process for the requirement that certain products used in public works projects be manufactured in the United States. Provides for the debarment of public works contractors who represent that certain products used in a public works project were manufactured in the United States if the products were not manufactured in the United States. 	Hill, Ormsby, Ramel, Macri, Nance, Parshley	<p>1/30 Public Hearing, H Cap. Budget</p> <p>1/13 1st Read, Ref to Capital Budget</p> <p>1/10 Prefiled</p>
HB 1726	<p>Prioritizing lumber procured from Washington state lumber mills for the purpose of public works projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires public agencies contracting for public works projects receiving more than \$500,000 in state capital funding to require that lumber used in the project be procured from Washington, Oregon, and the United States, in descending order of priority, unless otherwise exempted. 	Waters, Couture, Simmons, Springer, Kloba, Reed, Ormsby, Hill, Scott	<p>2/13 Public Hearing; House Capital Budget Comm</p> <p>1/30 1st Read; Referred to Capital Budget</p>
HB 1950	<p>Requiring subcontractors on public works contracts to be indemnified for certain expenses incurred as a result of late payments from a contractor or a subcontractor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that, for certain subcontractors in public works projects, if the subcontractor is unable to timely make required contributions to certain employee benefit plans due to a contractor's or subcontractor's failure to timely pay the subcontractor, the contractor or subcontractor that failed to timely pay the subcontractor must promptly indemnify the subcontractor for any penalties associated with the subcontractor's failure to timely contribute to the employee benefit plans. 	Entenman, Ramel, Pollet, Reed, Hill	<p>2/20 Public Hearing, House Cap Budget</p> <p>2/12 1st Read; Referred to Capital Budget</p> <p>2/11 Prefiled for Introduction</p>
HB 1966	<p>Concerning Public Works Contracting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifies the process for local governments to select the lowest responsible bidder. Removes the ability of certain local governments to have their own regularly employed personnel perform work valued at a specified amount under prudent utility management. 	Zahn, Tharinger	<p>2/18 Public Hearing, House Local Gov</p> <p>2/13 1st Read; Ref to Local Government</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes procedures for certain local governments to have their own personnel complete public works projects up to a certain dollar amount in exigent circumstances. Requires certain local governments to prepare an annual report on public works projects completed by their own personnel. 		
SSB 5176 (Dead)	Implementing prompt pay recommendations from the capital projects advisory review board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires payment on public works projects within 30 days of receipt of a properly completed invoice, and all subcontractors to be paid within ten days after payment is received by the prime contractor, with 1 percent interest per month charged on all late payments. Sets forth requirements for public works contracts and modifies requirements for requesting change orders. Adjusts the rate of withholding in good faith disputes from 150 percent to 100 percent. 	Valdez, Wilson, J., Conway, Hasegawa, Nobles	2/28 Exec Session; Senate Ways & Means 2/24 Public Hearing; Senate Ways & Means 1/28 Referred to Ways & Means 1/24 Exec Session Sen Comm Stat Govt & Tribal Affairs & Elections; 1st Sub Do Pass ; Referred to Ways & Means 1/17 Public Hearing - Sen Comm State Govt & Tribal Affairs & Elections 1/13 1st Reading Ref to State Govt, Tribal Affairs & Elections 1/8 Prefiled
SB 5476 Companion SHB 1549	Modifying the responsible bidder criteria for public works projects. Sec. 1(5): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The capital projects advisory review board created in RCW 39.10.220 shall develop suggested guidelines to assist the state and municipalities in developing supplemental bidder responsibility criteria. The guidelines must be posted on the board's website. Sec 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This act takes effect July 1, 2026. 	Hasegawa	1/24 1st Read, Ref to State Govt, Tribal Affairs & Elections

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By Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections

ADOPTED 04/07/2025

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 39.30.060 and 2021 c 103 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Every invitation to bid on a prime contract that is expected to cost \$1,000,000 or more for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work of the state or a state agency or municipality as defined under RCW 39.04.010 or an institution of higher education as defined under RCW 28B.10.016 shall require each prime contract bidder to submit:

(a) (~~Within one hour after~~) At the published bid submittal time, the names of the licensed subcontractors and proof of license with whom the bidder, if awarded the contract, will subcontract for performance of the work of: HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning); plumbing as described in chapter 18.106 RCW; and electrical as described in chapter 19.28 RCW, or to name itself for the work, if it is licensed to perform the work for which it has named itself. Errors identified by the contracting agency in the proof of license information must be corrected by the bidder within 48 hours of submission; and

(b) Within 48 hours after the published bid submittal time, the names of the subcontractors with whom the bidder, if awarded the contract, will subcontract for performance of the work of structural steel installation and rebar installation.

(2) The prime contract bidder shall not list more than one subcontractor for each category of work identified, unless subcontractors vary with bid alternates, in which case the prime contract bidder must indicate which subcontractor will be used for which alternate. Failure of the prime contract bidder to submit as part of the bid the names of such subcontractors or to name itself to perform such work or the naming of two or more subcontractors to

1 perform the same work shall render the prime contract bidder's bid
2 nonresponsive and, therefore, void.

3 (3) Substitution of a listed subcontractor in furtherance of bid
4 shopping or bid peddling before or after the award of the prime
5 contract is prohibited and the originally listed subcontractor is
6 entitled to recover monetary damages from the prime contract bidder
7 who executed a contract with the public entity and the substituted
8 subcontractor but not from the public entity inviting the bid. It is
9 the original subcontractor's burden to prove by a preponderance of
10 the evidence that bid shopping or bid peddling occurred. Substitution
11 of a listed subcontractor may be made by the prime contractor for the
12 following reasons:

13 (a) Refusal of the listed subcontractor to sign a contract with
14 the prime contractor;

15 (b) Bankruptcy or insolvency of the listed subcontractor;

16 (c) Inability of the listed subcontractor to perform the
17 requirements of the proposed contract or the project;

18 (d) Inability of the listed subcontractor to obtain the necessary
19 ((license,)) bonding, insurance, or other statutory requirements to
20 perform the work detailed in the contract;

21 (e) Refusal or inability to provide a letter of bondability from
22 a surety company; or

23 (f) The listed subcontractor is barred from participating in the
24 project as a result of a court order or summary judgment.

25 (4) The requirement of this section to name the prime contract
26 bidder's proposed subcontractors applies only to proposed HVAC,
27 plumbing, electrical, structural steel installation, and rebar
28 installation subcontractors who will contract directly with the prime
29 contract bidder submitting the bid to the public entity.

30 (5) This section does not apply to design-build requests for
31 proposals under RCW 39.10.330, to general contractor/construction
32 manager requests for proposals under RCW 39.10.350, or to job order
33 contract requests for proposals under RCW 39.10.420.

34 ~~((6) The legislature finds that there are hundreds of capital~~
35 ~~construction projects completed each year which include complex~~
36 ~~contracting and bidding requirements. It is the intent of the~~
37 ~~legislature to review current subcontractor listing requirements to~~
38 ~~allow fair, transparent, and competitive bidding while prohibiting~~
39 ~~bid shopping. The capital projects advisory review board must submit~~
40 ~~a report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the~~

1 legislature by November 1, 2020, and a second report by November 1,
2 2022. The reports must:

3 (a) Evaluate current subcontractor listing policies and
4 practices;

5 (b) Recommend appropriate expansion of the number of
6 subcontractors that may be listed in order to improve transparency
7 and fairness without reducing competitive bidding and access to
8 public works by minority and women-owned businesses; and

9 (c) Recommend possible project threshold and time frames for
10 purposes of subcontractor listings for all scopes of work that are
11 not required to list under law, including: The timing of
12 subcontractor listing, bond requirements for subcontractors, general
13 contractors standard contract request, and general contractor/
14 construction manager and design-build applications.)) "

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16 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 39.30.060."

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information identified by the contracting agency.

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