

2025 Legislative Bill Activity – 4/28/2025

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CPARB SPONSORED BILLS, SUPPORTED BILLS OR REQUESTING ACTIVITY			
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 Design-Build contract that includes design services, preconstruction services, and other services that are not public works construction.]</i></p>	Zahn, Griffey, Nance	<p>4/21 Governor Signed</p> <p>Chapter 103, 2025 Laws Effective Date 7/27/2025</p>
HB 1970	<p>Concerning state highway construction project alternative contracting procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to develop a process for awarding contracts for highway projects use using alternative public works contracting procedures, including progressive design-build (PDB), or any general contracting/construction manager (GC/CM) procedure. Authorizes WSDOT to use the PDB or GC/CM procedures for public works projects but must first seek approval from the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board for the first three GC/CM projects. <p><i>Amendment Summary:</i> WSDOT is exempt from the CPARB certification requirements to use the DB, PDB, or GC/CM contracting procedures on individual projects. WSDOT must develop a process for awarding competitively bid highway construction projects using the DB, PDB, and GC/CM procedures. WSDOT may also use the PDB and GC/CM contracting procedures for public works projects. WSDOT must pursue approval from CPARB for its first three projects to use the GC/CM contracting procedure but is not subject to such CPARB approval requirements thereafter.</p>	Zahn, Donaghy	4/24/2025 Delivered to the Governor
BILLS OF INTEREST – ACTIVE (changes highlighted)			
HB 1633	<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><i>[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."</i></p> <p>EFFECT: <i>Permits prime contract bidders, within 48 hours of submission, to correct errors in proof of subcontractor license information identified by the contracting agency.]</i></p>	Hill (Prime), Waters, Bergquist, Obras, Taylor, J., Ormsby, Berry, Peterson, Gregerson, Parshley, Reed, Reeves, Simmons, Thomas, Nance	4/26 Delivered to the Governor
E2SHB 1549 Companion SB 5476 (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 Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to publish certain information on its website and develop an apprentice utilization plan template. <p><i>[Summary on page 3-4 of E2S House Bill Report.]</i></p>	Fosse, Obras, Berry, Reed, Goodman, Stearns, Parshley, Callan, Salahuddin, Taylor, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Scott, Macri, Hill	<p>4/16 Governor Signed</p> <p>Chapter 63, 2025 Laws Effective date 7/27/2025</p>

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DEAD BILLS			
<u>HB 1256</u>	Concerning products manufactured in the United States for the purposes of public works projects. <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	1/30 Public Hearing, H Cap. Budget
<u>HB 1726</u>	Prioritizing lumber procured from Washington state lumber mills for the purpose of public works projects. <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	2/13 Public Hearing; House Capital Budget Comm
<u>HB 1950</u>	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. <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	2/20 Public Hearing, House Cap Budget
<u>HB 1966</u>	Concerning Public Works Contracting <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. 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. 	Zahn, Tharinger	2/18 Public Hearing, House Local Gov
<u>E2SSB 5061</u>	Requiring certain wages in public works contracts to be at least the prevailing wage in effect when the work is performed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires public works contracts to include annual adjustments to the minimum hourly wage for laborers, workers, and mechanics 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	4/27 By resolution, Returned to Senate Rules for 3 rd Read
<u>SSB 5176</u> (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

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SB 5476 Companion SHB 1549	<p>Modifying the responsible bidder criteria for public works projects.</p> <p>Sec. 1(5):</p> <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. <p>Sec 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This act takes effect July 1, 2026. 	Hasegawa	1/24 1 st Read, Ref to State Govt, Tribal Affairs & Elections
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. Requires the Joint Transportation Committee to collaborate with WSDOT to evaluate the alliance contracting procedure as a potential delivery model for transportation projects, with a report due <i>to the transportation committees of the Legislature</i> 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> <p><i>[Amended Bill Compared to Substitute Bill: The amended bill limits the use of P3s to projects with an engineer's estimated cost of less than \$500 million and to projects that are not rail projects. The amended bill also requires approval of any agreement relative to a P3, under the bill, to be approved through duly enacted legislation. The amended bill also extends by two years the time frame in which the WSDOT must present and then adopt rules to carry out P3s, as required under the bill, and changes the effective date of the portion of the bill applicable to P3s from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2028.</i></p> <p><i>Sec.203 (8) amends 39.10.270 - The department of transportation is not subject to the certification requirements under this section to use the design-build procedure, the progressive design-build procedure, or any general contractor/construction manager contracting procedure on individual projects.</i></p> <p><i>Sec. 204 (6) amends 39.10.280 - The department of transportation is not subject to the project approval requirements under this section.]</i></p>	Liias, King/	4/27 By Resolution, returned to Senate Rules for 3 rd Read