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Senate Bill 1148

(Washington County Senators)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

Washington County - Advisory School Design Review Committee - Repeal

This emergency bill repeals a requirement that the Washington County Board of Commissioners establish an Advisory School Design Review Committee to review all construction plans for school capital improvement projects that exceed \$2.0 million.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill pertains only to Washington County.

Local Effect: The bill is procedural in nature and has no material effect on Washington County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Washington County Board of County Commissioners must establish an Advisory School Design Review Committee to review all construction plans for school capital improvement projects that exceed \$2.0 million and ensure that each project provides an effective educational environment in a cost-efficient manner. The committee must begin its duties at the schematic design phase for each capital improvement project and conclude its review at the bidding document stage, as defined by law.

Before advertisement for competitive bids, the county commissioners and the Washington County Board of Education must jointly review the committee's recommendations. The county commissioners are responsible for determining whether a capital improvement

project may proceed to the bidding document stage and are not bound by the committee's recommendations.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1704 (Washington County Delegation) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

Information Source(s): Interagency Committee on School Construction; Department of Legislative Services

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