

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19721

This legislation defines the procedures to allow the Idaho Transportation Department to solicit and award contracts using design-build or construction manager/general contractor methods of procurement for highway projects. Design-build projects were authorized for public works projects in 1987 by Section 67-5711A, Idaho Code. However, Section 40-902(3), Idaho Code, specifically states that contracts for highways be "let to the lowest responsible bidder." This legislation will allow the department to solicit and award design-build or construction manager/general contractor contracts.

If enacted, the legislation will allow the department to begin soliciting contracts using these alternative contracting methods for projects, which might be designed and completed faster than standard projects. Shorter project-completion times could potentially save money due to lower contractor costs and reduced effects of inflation on construction materials.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation has no fiscal impact to the state of Idaho.

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