

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5398

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Removing the filing requirement for expert witness personal service contracts.

Sponsors: Senators Franklin, Pelz and Wojahn; by request of Department of Labor & Industries.

Senate Committee on Government Operations

House Committee on Government Operations

Background: All personal service contracts are subject to competitive procurement requirements, except for those that fall under any of five categories. One of those categories is emergency contracts. These must be filed with the Office of Financial Management and Legislative Budget Committee within three working days following commencement of the work or of execution of the contract, whichever occurs first.

There are eight categories of contracts that are exempt from compliance with these requirements. Contracts for the employment of expert witnesses are exempt, except they shall be filed within the same time period as emergency contracts.

Summary: Contracts for the employment of expert witnesses for the purposes of litigation retain their exemption from compliance with the requirements for personal service contracts. The filing requirements for emergency contracts are removed.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	45	1
House	95	0

Effective: July 23, 1995