



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Senate Bill 236

**Senate
Amendment 2**

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2017 Senate Bill 236 would, generally, raise the threshold at which sealed, competitive bidding is required for local public works from \$25,000 to \$75,000. The increased threshold would not apply to contracts for construction, repair, or maintenance of certain roads.

Additionally, the bill would apply similar sealed, competitive bidding requirements to school districts for contracts for construction, repair, remodeling, or improvement of school buildings or facilities, or for the furnishing of supplies or materials, with an estimated cost of \$75,000 or more.

Lastly, the bill specifies that sealed, competitive bidding is not required for construction by a person other than a local unit of government that is donated to the unit of government after completion of construction.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 236 increases the threshold at which sealed, competitive bidding is required to \$50,000 instead of \$75,000. Additionally, the amendment removes a provision that retains a \$25,000 bidding threshold to county road projects and otherwise revises the definition of road projects that are not subject to the increased threshold to use terms defined in current Department of Transportation statutes. Lastly, the amendment clarifies that the school district bidding thresholds created under the bill apply to the furnishing of materials and supplies related to construction of buildings and facilities.

BILL HISTORY

2017 Senate Bill 236 was introduced on May 11, 2017, by Senator Stroebel and others. On September 22, 2017, Senator Stroebel offered Senate Amendment 2. On October 5, 2017, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Commerce and Local Government recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 2 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of Senate Bill 236, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 3.

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