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SEC. 5. Section 63, chapter 201, Laws of 1959 and RCW 36.70.630 are each amended to read as follows:

If after considering the matter at a public meeting as provided in RCW 36.70.620 the board deems a change in the recommendations of the planning agency to be necessary, the change shall not be incorporated in the recommended control until the board shall conduct its own public hearing, giving notice thereof as provided in RCW 36.70.590, and it shall adopt its own findings of fact and statement setting forth the factors considered at the hearing and its own analysis of findings considered by it to be controlling.

SEC. 6. There is added to chapter 201, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 36.70 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Regional planning under the provisions of this chapter is hereby declared to be a proper public purpose for the expenditure of the funds of counties, school districts, public utility districts, housing authorities, port districts, cities or towns or any other public organization interested in regional planning.

Passed the House February 18, 1961.
Passed the Senate March 6, 1961.
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CHAPTER 233.

STATE HIGHWAYS—AWARD OF CONTRACTS.

An Act relating to state highways; authorizing the award of certain contracts; and amending section 47.28.030, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 3), and RCW 47.28.030.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 47.28.030, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 3), and RCW 47.28.030 are each amended to read as follows:

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A state highway shall be constructed, altered, repaired, or improved by contract or day labor. The work may be done by day labor when the estimated cost thereof is less than fifteen thousand dollars. When the state highway commission determines to do the work by day labor, it shall enter a resolution upon its records to that effect, stating the reasons therefor. The state highway commission may authorize any district engineer of the highway commission to award any contract for work not exceeding a cost of fifteen thousand dollars. All such awards shall be subject to the approval of the commission and shall follow the same procedures as are prescribed for other highway commission contracts except as provided in this section.

Whenever the work to be performed is repair or maintenance of an existing highway, and the engineer's estimate indicates the cost of the work would not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars nor require in excess of twenty working days to perform, and delay of performance thereof would jeopardize a state highway or inconvenience the traveling public, the state highway commission may negotiate a contract for rental of any equipment required for performance of the work, with an operator, and in such instances the contractor furnishing such equipment need not be prequalified pursuant to RCW 47.28.070 nor furnish a bid deposit or performance bond.

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