may be purchased and stored for general use by all of the various departments which shall be charged for the supplies when withdrawn from the purchasing department.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 183, Laws of 1923 as amended by section 1, chapter 70, Laws of 1967 and RCW 39.04.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever the state, or any municipality shall determine that any public work is necessary to be done it shall cause plans and/or specifications thereof and an estimate of the cost of such work to be made and filed in the office of the director, supervisor, commissioner, trustee, board or agency having by law the authority to require such work to be done.

If the state, or such municipality shall determine that it is necessary or advisable that such work shall be executed by any means or method other than by contract, and it shall appear by such estimate that the probable cost of executing such work will exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, then the state or such municipality shall at least fifteen days before beginning work cause such estimate, together with a description of the work, to be published at least once in a legal newspaper of general circulation ((in)) published in or as near as possible to that part of the county in which such work is to be done((:

PROVIDED, That when such work is to be done by the state, publication in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the state shall be equivalent to publication in the county where the work is to be done.

AND)): PROVIDED ((FURTHER)), That when any emergency shall require the immediate execution of such public work, upon a finding of the existence of such emergency by the authority having power to direct such public work to be done and duly entered of record, publication of description and estimate may be made within seven days after the commencement of the work.

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CHAPTER 231

[House Bill No. 695]
MECHANICS' AND MATERIALMEN'S LIENS—
DURATION—LIMITATION OF ACTION

AN ACT Relating to liens; and amending section 9, chapter 24, Laws of 1893 as amended by section 1, chapter 209, Laws of 1943 and RCW 60.04.100.

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

Section 1. Section 9, chapter 24, Laws of 1893 as amended by section 1, chapter 209, Laws of 1943 and RCW 60.04.100 are each amended to read as follows:

No lien created by this chapter binds the property subject to the lien for a longer period than eight calendar months after the claim has been filed unless an action be commenced in the proper court within that time to enforce such lien; or, if credit be given and the terms thereof be stated in the claim of lien, then eight calendar months after the expiration of such credit; and in case such action be

not prosecuted to judgment within two years after the commencement thereof, the court, in its discretion, may dismiss the same for want of prosecution, and the dismissal of such action or a judgment rendered therein, that no lien exists, shall constitute a cancellation of the lien: PROVIDED, That, for the purposes of this chapter, an action to enforce such lien shall not be timely commenced unless the filing of summons and complaint in a court of competent jurisdiction shall be made prior to the expiration of the eight-month period, and service of the summons and complaint shall be made upon all necessary parties personally, or by commencement of service by publication, not later than ninety days after the filing of the summons and complaint.

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CHAPTER 232

[Second Substitute House Bill No. 720] STATE COLLEGES—— DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY

AN ACT Relating to the state colleges; adding a new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.40 RCW; repealing section 28B.40.210, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28B.40.210; and repealing section I, chapter 28, Laws of 1971 ex. sess., section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 28B.40.226.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.40 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In addition to all other powers and duties given to them by law, Central Washington State College, Eastern Washington State College, and Western Washington State College are hereby authorized to grant any degree through the master's degree to any student who has completed a program of study and/or research in those areas which are determined by the faculty and board of trustees of the college to be appropriate for the granting of such degree: PROVIDED, That any degree authorized under this section which has no fiscal impact shall be subject to the review and recommendation of the council on higher education: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any degree permitted under this section having additional fiscal impact shall not be authorized prior to review and recommendation by the council on higher education and approval of the legislature.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The following acts or parts of acts are hereby repealed:

(1) Section 28B.40.210, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28B.40-.210; and