

## CHAPTER 28

[House Bill No. 852]

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR PROJECTS BY OPERATING  
AGENCIES—CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

AN ACT Relating to contracts for construction of nuclear projects by operating agencies; adding new sections to chapter 43.52 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 43.52 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The construction of a nuclear generating project and associated facilities, hereafter referred to in sections 1 and 2 of this act as "the project", by an operating agency requires a number of years for completion after a construction contract is let therefor. After such a contract is let it frequently becomes necessary to amend it for the purpose of complying with changes in applicable governmental regulations or standards or with changes in plans and specifications developed by the project architect-engineer for the improvement of safety or feasibility or for the expediting of project completion on the most advantageous terms in the public interest. The intent of this statute is to clarify and extend the powers of an operating agency to make contract amendments for such purposes.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 43.52 RCW a new section to read as follows:

An operating agency shall have the power to make any amendment to a contract previously let for the construction of the project, by change order or other writing, if it finds that such amendment is necessary to comply with applicable regulations or standards of any state or federal governmental agency, or with any change in plans or specifications recommended by the architect-engineer in charge of the project or under his (its) direction for the purpose of improving the safety or feasibility of the project or expediting completion of the project on the most advantageous terms in the public interest: **PROVIDED**, That such amendment does not provide for construction of a project basically different from that provided for in such contract.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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