

Opening bids and awarding contracts.

At the time and place named in the call for bids the Washington state highway commission shall publicly open and read the final figure in each of the bid proposals properly filed and read only the bid items on the three lowest bids, and shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder unless the commission has, for good cause, continued the date of opening bids to a day certain, or rejected said bid: *Provided*, That any bid may be rejected if the bidder has previously defaulted in the performance of and failed to complete a written public contract, or has been convicted of a crime arising from a previous public contract. All bids shall be under sealed cover and accompanied by deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond in an amount equal to five percent of the amount of the bid and no bid shall be considered unless the deposit is enclosed therewith.

Bids to be sealed and accompanied by security.

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CHAPTER 84.

[ S. B. 114. ]

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—CONTRACTS WITH PUBLIC UTILITIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

AN ACT relating to certain contracts of the state highway department with public utilities and municipal corporations, and amending section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1953, and RCW 43.27.105.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1953, and RCW 43.27.105 are each amended to read as follows:

Advertising bids and performance bonds.

It shall be lawful for the state department of highways acting through the Washington state high-

way commission to contract without advertising or bid, or performance bond, with any public utility, whether publicly or privately operated, or with any municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state, for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any service of a type ordinarily performed or furnished by such utility, or by such municipal corporation or political subdivision, whenever, in the opinion of said commission, the interest of the public will be best served.

Passed the Senate January 26, 1955.

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## CHAPTER 85.

[ S. B. 123. ]

### FIREARMS—HIGHWAYS—UNLAWFUL ACTS.

AN ACT relating to shooting from, across or along any public highway and amending section 2, chapter 126, Laws of 1947 and RCW 77.16.260.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 126, Laws of 1947 and RCW 77.16.260 are each amended to read as follows: Amendment.

It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot any pistol, rifle, shotgun or other firearm from, across or along any public highway. This section shall not apply to artillery fire from authorized military activities within the confines of the Fort Lewis military reservation if proper precautions are taken to safeguard life and property if the authority conducting the military maneuvers assumes responsibility for any damages therefrom resulting to users of the highway. No public highway shall be closed to traffic by the military for purposes hereunder

Shooting from, across or along public highways.