

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the design-build method of construction alleviates many of the pitfalls inherent in preliminary planning for a project by offering an insured construction method. Design-build is a method of contracting in which an owner hires a competent contractor who in turn hires an architect, structural engineer, mechanical/electrical engineer, civil engineer, and any specialty consultants. All design and construction is handled under one contract. The design team works with the owner from day one to design a building best suited to the owner's needs. The result is a project with a realistic budget, little or no change orders, and effective design from the start.

As proposed, S.B. 925 gives navigation districts and port authorities the option of choosing the design-build method when making a purchase or entering into a contract valued at \$ 25,000 or more.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 60N, Water Code, by adding Section 60.4125, as follows:

Sec. 60.4125. ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS. Authorizes a navigation district or port authority, notwithstanding the other provisions of this subchapter or any other law, to make a purchase or enter into a contract valued at \$25,000 or more by any method available to a school district under Chapter 44B (Purchases; Contracts), Education Code, that, in the opinion of the port commission, provides the best value to the navigation district or port authority.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.