



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 302

August 23, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives JORGENSEN, KOLSTE, GOYKE, BEWLEY, BERNARD SCHABER, SINICKI, BERCEAU, WRIGHT, YOUNG, WACHS, OHNSTAD and HEBL, cosponsored by Senator T. CULLEN. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 84.01 (13) of the statutes; **relating to:** the engagement of
2 engineering and similar services by the Department of Transportation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) may engage engineering, consulting, surveying, or other specialized services and this engagement of services is exempt from certain provisions of law relating to state procurement. Any engagement of services involving an expenditure of \$3,000 or more must be by formal contract approved by the governor. For an engagement of services of more than \$300,000, DOT must conduct a uniform cost-benefit analysis before the engagement and must review periodically, and before any renewal, the continued appropriateness of the engagement.

This bill lowers the threshold amount at which an engagement of services requires a uniform cost-benefit analysis and subsequent review from \$300,000 to \$25,000, which was the threshold amount prior to 2013 Wisconsin Act 20.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 84.01 (13) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, is
4 amended to read:

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1 84.01 (13) ENGINEERING SERVICES. The department may engage such
2 engineering, consulting, surveying, or other specialized services as it deems
3 advisable. Any engagement of services under this subsection is exempt from ss.
4 16.70 to 16.75, 16.755 to 16.82, and 16.85 to 16.89, but ss. 16.528, 16.752, 16.753, and
5 16.754 apply to such engagement. Any engagement involving an expenditure of
6 \$3,000 or more shall be by formal contract approved by the governor. The
7 department shall conduct a uniform cost-benefit analysis, as defined in s. 16.70 (3g),
8 of each proposed engagement under this subsection that involves an estimated
9 expenditure of more than ~~\$300,000~~ \$25,000 in accordance with standards prescribed
10 by rule of the department. The department shall review periodically, and before any
11 renewal, the continued appropriateness of contracting pursuant to each engagement
12 under this subsection that involves an estimated expenditure of more than ~~\$300,000~~
13 \$25,000.

14 (END)