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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7482**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1612

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 4, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Public Works Projects.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Whetstone

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  GENERAL  
 DEDICATED  
 FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the specifications for equipment or materials for a public works project to be written to describe the required performance and design characteristics of the equipment or materials. It limits the circumstances under which a brand name may be specified.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The addition of the specifications for equipment or materials for a public works project to be written to describe the required performance and design characteristics of the equipment or materials could increase the cost of project design and maybe delay projects from being bid. The increase in cost and the delay would probably be minor. The specifications would probably insure that the equipment or materials for a public works project are what was intended by the design engineer.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** All.

**Local Agencies Affected:** All.

**Information Sources:**

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