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AB-533 Health care districts: design-build process. (2025-2026)

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Assembly Bill No. 533

CHAPTER 35

An act to add Section 32132.6 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care districts.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 533, Flora. Health care districts: design-build process.

Existing law authorizes the Sonoma Valley Health Care District, Last Frontier Health Care District, and the Mayers Memorial Hospital District the authority to use the design-build procedure when contracting for the construction of a building or improvements directly related to a hospital or health facility building, as specified. Existing law sets forth the procurement process for design-build projects and requires specified information by submitted design-build entities and others to be verified under penalty of perjury.

This bill would additionally authorize any health care district to use the design-build process when contracting for the construction of a hospital or health facility building. Because the bill would expand the application of the procurement process to additional design-build entities, the bill would expand the crime of perjury, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 32132.6 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

32132.6. (a) Notwithstanding Section 32132 or any other law, upon approval by its board of directors, a health care district may use the design-build procedure described in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 22160) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code to assign contracts for the construction of a building or improvements directly related to construction of a hospital or health facility building.

(b) For purposes of this section, except where the context otherwise requires, all references in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 22160) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code to "local agency" shall mean a health care district that owns or operates a hospital or clinic and its board of directors.

(c) A hospital building project utilizing the design-build process authorized by subdivision (a) shall be reviewed and inspected in accordance with the standards and requirements of the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 (Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 129675) of Part 7 of Division 107).

(d) Except as provided in this section, this section shall not be construed to affect the application of any other law.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.