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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 819**

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**Chairperson:** DiAnna R. Schimek  
**Committee:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Date of Hearing:** February 5, 2004

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Under LB 819, any state agency, prior to bidding a capital construction project costing more than \$400,000, will submit proposed construction documents to the state building division for review.

The bill eliminates outdated language such as “preliminary plans” and “project working drawings.” The language is replaced with the phrase “construction documents.”

The bill eliminates the requirement that the budget division, the Legislative Fiscal office and other affected agencies review and comment on the construction documents.

No funds will be expended on actual construction until the construction documents have been approved by the state building division. Currently, no funds can be expended for either project working drawings or actual construction until approved. A copy of the approval or disapproval will be forwarded to the budget division, in addition to the requesting agency and the Legislative Fiscal Office.

The bill eliminates the requirement that no project working drawings be developed prior to review or 30 days after the submission of the plans for review.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator DiAnna R. Schimek**