

1813-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Boldt, Linville, Edwards, Romero, Cody, McDermott, Haigh, Hunt, Moeller, Ruderman, Santos, Rockefeller, Simpson, Conway, Wood and Kenney)

Brief Description: Expanding employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

**HB 1813-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares an intent to encourage state agencies and departments to purchase products and/or services manufactured or provided by: (1) Community rehabilitation programs of the department of social and health services which operate facilities serving disadvantaged persons and persons with disabilities and have achieved or consistently make progress towards the goal of enhancing opportunities for disadvantaged persons and persons with disabilities to maximize their opportunities for employment and career advancement, and increase the number employed and their wages; and

(2) Until December 31, 2007, businesses owned and operated by persons with disabilities that have achieved or consistently make progress towards the goal of enhancing opportunities for disadvantaged persons and persons with disabilities to maximize their opportunities for employment and career advancement, and increase the number employed and their wages.

Requires the department of general administration to identify in the department's vendor registry all vendors in good standing, as defined in RCW 43.19.525.

Directs the department of general administration and the governor's committee on disability issues and employment to jointly prepare and, on or before December 31, 2006, issue a report to the governor and the legislature. The report shall describe the activities authorized or required by this act, and their effect on enhancing opportunities for disadvantaged persons and persons with disabilities to maximize their opportunities for employment and career advancement, and increase the number employed and their wages.