
**Economic Development,
Agriculture & Trade Committee**

HB 2371

Brief Description: Studying the statewide procurement of technical assistance.

Sponsors: Representatives B. Sullivan, Wallace and Morris.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes a statewide procurement technical assistance services pilot project to be run by the Procurement Technical Assistance Center in Snohomish County.
- Directs the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development to report to the Legislature on the results of the pilot project by January 1, 2007.

Hearing Date: 1/17/06

Staff: Tracey Taylor (786-7196).

Background:

The Defense Logistics Agency, on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, administers the Department of Defense Procurement Technical Assistance (PTA) programs. PTA Centers are a local resource available at no or nominal cost that can provide assistance to business firms in marketing products and services to the federal, state and local governments.

The Procurement Technical Assistance Centers provide: computerized bid match services; interpretation of solicitations; assistance with government registrations and certifications; training and seminars; marketing assistance; and assistance in locating the necessary documents for solicitations.

Summary of Bill:

A statewide procurement technical assistance services pilot project in Snohomish County is created. The pilot project will end June 30, 2007. The Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development must report to the Legislature by January 1, 2007, the results of the pilot project, including the number of businesses served, contracts written, the monetary value of contracts, and a plan for sustainable and ongoing funding.

Appropriation: The sum of \$50,000 from the State General Fund to the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 10, 2006.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.