
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2257

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring state agencies to contract for goods
2 and services in a manner consistent with the state's best interests;
3 adding new sections to chapter 39.29 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is essential that the legislature and
6 state agencies spend tax dollars in a manner that is both responsible
7 and consistent with the best interests of the state and the nation.
8 The legislature and state agencies should, therefore, consider indirect
9 benefits that may be achieved when entering into state contracts for
10 goods and services. Such benefits include, but are not limited to, job
11 creation, capital investment, and economic stimulus. Additionally,
12 such benefits include greater protection of privacy interests, less
13 risk of disclosure of personal information, and avoidance of undue
14 risk.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 39.29 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The office of financial management, in consultation with
18 representatives of state agency management, business, labor, and

1 agricultural groups, shall develop and implement procurement policies
2 and procedures necessary to determine whether civil service contracts
3 and contracts for public works, personal services, purchased services,
4 information services, highway design and construction, and materials,
5 supplies, and equipment, and any subcontracts awarded under such
6 contracts, are in the best interests of Washington state, its
7 residents, and its economy. These procurement policies and procedures
8 shall require consideration of the following when making decisions to
9 enter into contracts:

10 (1) The extent to which the contract, or any subcontract awarded
11 under the contract, will be performed at a location outside the United
12 States;

13 (2) The extent to which international trade agreements apply to the
14 contract, or any subcontract awarded under the contract;

15 (3) The extent to which awarding the contract to a Washington
16 business will result in job creation or retention or other economic
17 benefits to Washington, its residents, and its economy;

18 (4) The extent to which decisions to locate research, development,
19 production, and other facilities in Washington by businesses based in
20 other countries and other states has resulted in job creation and other
21 economic benefits to Washington, its residents, and its economy; and

22 (5) The extent to which the contract, or any subcontract awarded
23 under the contract, involves solicitation or disclosure of personal
24 information.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 39.29 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 The office of financial management, in consultation with
28 representatives of state agency management, business, labor, and
29 agricultural groups, shall conduct a study of the indirect benefits of
30 adopting procurement policies giving Washington businesses a price
31 preference when determining the lowest responsible bidder on civil
32 service contracts and contracts for public works, personal services,
33 purchased services, information services, highway design and
34 construction, and materials, supplies, and equipment. These benefits
35 shall include, but are not limited to, job creation and retention,
36 capital investment, state and local tax revenue, and economic stimulus.
37 The office of financial management shall report its findings, and any

1 recommendations for legislation adopting procurement policies giving
2 Washington businesses a price preference, to the legislature by
3 December 1, 2005.

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