

HB 2257-S2 - DIGEST

(NOT SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE ORIGINAL BILL)

Declares that it is essential that the legislature and state agencies spend tax dollars in a manner that is both responsible and consistent with the best interests of the state and the nation. The legislature and state agencies should, therefore, consider indirect benefits that may be achieved when entering into state contracts for goods and services. Such benefits include, but are not limited to, job creation, capital investment, and economic stimulus. Additionally, such benefits include greater protection of privacy interests, less risk of disclosure of personal information, and avoidance of undue risk.

Provides that the office of financial management, in consultation with representatives of state agency management, business, labor, and agricultural groups, shall conduct a study of the indirect benefits of adopting procurement policies giving Washington businesses a price preference when determining the lowest responsible bidder on civil service contracts and contracts for public works, personal services, purchased services, information services, highway design and construction, and materials, supplies, and equipment.

Requires the office of financial management to report its findings, and any recommendations for legislation adopting procurement policies giving Washington businesses a price preference, to the legislature by December 1, 2005.