

EHB 1087 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.41 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The office shall, in consultation with the office of minority
6 and women's business enterprises and any advisory committee, develop a
7 strategic plan to improve the effectiveness of all state agencies in
8 carrying out the purposes of chapter 39.19 RCW, including assisting
9 small minority and women's business enterprises in competing for and
10 receiving state contracts and otherwise succeeding in this state. The
11 plan must be updated at least annually and must include timelines and,
12 at a minimum, strategies to:

13 (a) Facilitate communication with and among minority and women's
14 business enterprises on contracting with the state, including providing
15 for a central depository of information accessible to small businesses
16 and to individual contracting agencies and officers;

17 (b) Increase the effectiveness of existing outreach from the office
18 of minority and women's business enterprises to small businesses,
19 including publicizing the value of certification under chapter 39.19
20 RCW, and increase outreach by individual agencies;

21 (c) Streamline the statewide certification process under chapter
22 39.19 RCW;

23 (d) Focus technical assistance to small businesses and certified
24 firms;

25 (e) Provide an effective training program to contracting officers
26 at all state agencies on the certification process in chapter 39.19 RCW
27 and ways to increase the role of minority and women-owned businesses in
28 state contracting;

29 (f) Address barriers to inclusion of certified firms in the state
30 procurement process;

1 (g) Increase selection of firms certified under chapter 39.19 RCW
2 as prime contractors and subcontractors in contracts awarded by state
3 agencies and educational institutions; and

4 (h) Develop accountability measures to use in reporting progress by
5 state agencies and educational institutions in achieving the purposes
6 of this chapter.

7 (2) The office must report on the strategic plan and its assessment
8 of progress to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
9 legislature, with a preliminary report by September 1, 2009, and annual
10 reports beginning December 1, 2009. The report must include relevant
11 fiscal information.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.41 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) For the purpose of annual reporting on progress required by
15 section 1 of this act, each state agency and educational institution
16 shall submit data to the office and the office of minority and women's
17 business enterprises on the participation by qualified minority and
18 women-owned and controlled businesses in the agency's or institution's
19 contracts and other related information requested by the director. The
20 director of the office of minority and women's business enterprises
21 shall determine the content and format of the data and the reporting
22 schedule, which must be at least annually.

23 (2) The office must develop and maintain a list of contact people
24 at each state agency and educational institution that is able to
25 present to hearings of the appropriate committees of the legislature
26 its progress in carrying out the purposes of chapter 39.19 RCW.

27 (3) The office must submit a report aggregating the data received
28 from each state agency and educational institution to the legislature
29 and the governor.

30 **Sec. 3.** RCW 39.19.041 and 1995 c 269 s 1302 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 (1) The director may establish ((ad hoc advisory committees, as
33 necessary,)) advisory committees on various aspects of minority and
34 women's business enterprises on an ad hoc basis to assist in the
35 development of policies to carry out the purposes of this chapter and
36 to provide the director with policy advice on current issues.

- 1 (2) The advisory committees may meet as often as necessary.
2 (3) Advisory committee membership:
3 (a) Must be as diverse and representative as possible of businesses
4 certified under this chapter unless such a requirement would reduce the
5 number of members with relevant knowledge and experience;
6 (b) Should include organizations that represent minority and women-
7 owned businesses;
8 (c) Should reflect statewide geographic distribution of small
9 businesses; and
10 (d) May include nonvoting representatives of state and local
11 government."

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12 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "enterprises;" strike the
13 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 39.19.041; and adding
14 new sections to chapter 43.41 RCW."

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