

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6537

As of February 5, 2014

Title: An act relating to the certification of minority and women's business enterprises.

Brief Description: Concerning the certification of minority and women's business enterprises.

Sponsors: Senator Roach.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Governmental Operations: 2/06/14.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Staff: Sam Thompson (786-7413)

Background: The Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) certifies businesses owned and controlled by minorities, women, and socially and economically disadvantaged persons for participation in several public works and procurement programs. The programs are intended to increase participation by certified businesses. A local government entity or state-created public corporation having reason to believe that a business should not have been certified may petition OMWBE for reconsideration on the basis that OMWBE rules were improperly applied or material facts relating to a certification application are untrue. The petitioner carries the burden of persuasion. The certified business is notified and has an opportunity to respond. After review, OMWBE must issue a decision granting or denying the petition. If OMWBE grants the petition, it may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the certification, or impose sanctions. An OMWBE decision may be appealed.

Summary of Bill: In addition to a local government entity or state-created public corporation, a person having reason to believe that a particular business should not have been certified may petition OMWBE for reconsideration. Person is defined in OMWBE statutes to include individuals, partnerships, associations, organizations, corporations, cooperatives, legal representatives, trustees and receivers, or any group of persons.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.