

HB 1556 -- State Contracts

Sponsor: Hughes

This bill requires the Office of Administration, in consultation with each state department, to establish and implement a plan to increase and maintain the participation of certified socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns or minority business enterprises in contracts for supplies, services, and construction with the state after it completes a study of the availability of these businesses. The study will be undertaken by a committee of nine members, appointed by the Commissioner of the Office of Administration, and must be completed by December 31, 2014.

The Minority Business Enterprise and Women's Business Enterprise Oversight Review Committee is established to conduct a new study to ensure participation from socially and economically disadvantaged minority or women's business enterprises, to be completed by December 31, 2013. The committee will include one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker, one member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem, and four members appointed by the Governor. The Office of Administration will staff the committee and aid in the performance of the committee's duties, which are specified in the bill, including the identification of contractors who may need subcontractors and the notification to potential women and minority subcontractors.

The provisions of the bill regarding the review committee will expire six years after the effective date.