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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill will have an uncertain impact on state procurement costs. It would include certified women-owned and veteran-owned business enterprises as entities eligible to compete under the 15% contract set aside currently available only to certified minority business enterprises. All three business types are referred to as “disadvantaged business enterprises” under the bill.

Detailed Analysis

The bill expands the types of businesses eligible under the state’s 15% contract set aside currently for certified minority business enterprises to also include certified women-owned and veteran-owned business enterprises. Under current law, the Department of Administrative Services and various other state agencies are required to set aside approximately 15% of the estimated total value of purchases per fiscal year for competition only by certified minority business enterprises. Under the bill, all three business types are referred to as “disadvantaged business enterprises” and would qualify to compete for contracts under the state’s 15% set aside. Ultimately, the fiscal impact of this change on overall state procurement costs is uncertain, but it may change the mix of vendors awarded contracts. In FY 2020, the latest data information to LBO, the state spent \$298.8 million with 314 certified with minority business enterprises, representing 21.5% of eligible state expenditures.

The bill also establishes a veteran-owned business enterprise certification program under the Department of Development. According to the Department, businesses that are at least 51% owned by veterans or persons on active service can currently be certified under the state’s Veteran-Friendly Business Enterprise Procurement Program.