

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Doherty, Johnson, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Richardson, Smith, Thatcher, Vega Pederson, Holvey
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/28, 3/21, 3/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Task Force on Procuring Through Small and Local Businesses. Specifies membership and procedural requirements. Directs Task Force to study public contract awards to certain businesses, including types of contracts awarded, and methods for promoting contract awards to such businesses. Requires that Task Force report findings such that impact of contracting practices on certain categories of businesses and individuals may be understood. Repeals Task Force January 1, 2015. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Barriers to public contracting opportunities for small businesses
- Areas of concern that the Task Force might explore
- Impact of economic downturn on small contractors
- Availability of audit results and other data on public contracting

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies criteria for appointment of members. Removes requirement that Task Force evaluate whether procurement decision may be made based on greenhouse gas emissions. Requires that Task Force report findings such that impact of contracting practices on certain categories of businesses and individuals may be understood.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2667 A creates the Task Force on Procuring Through Small and Local Businesses to study several aspects of public contracting. The Task Force is comprised of nine members: two members of the Senate; two members of the House of Representatives; three members who represent minority-owned, woman-owned, or emerging small businesses with the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor each appointing one; and one employee each from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and the Department of Transportation. DAS is directed to provide staff support.

House Bill 2667 A directs the Task Force to investigate the awarding of public contracts and the types of contracts awarded to minority-owned, woman-owned, and emerging small businesses; to evaluate the extent to which large procurements for goods and services could be broken into smaller contracts to increase awards to small businesses; and to recommend incentives to help induce contracting agencies to award contracts to small businesses. The measure also directs the Task Force to report its findings in a manner that makes the impacts on certain categories of businesses and individuals understandable.

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