

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Walker
Nays: 0
Exc.: Westlund
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Meeting Dates: 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows contracting agency to limit competition for public contract to certified emerging small businesses. Applies to contracts that cost \$100,000 or less.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Emerging Small Business (ESB) Program has been a part of the small business development tool kit at the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) since its inception in 1989, when the legislature selected ODOT as the pilot agency for the initiative. To finance this undertaking, the statute created an ESB Account within the State Highway Fund. The account receives revenue generated from a one-percent charge against each public improvement highway construction contract awarded by ODOT.

This bill would allow participating agencies to increase the contract amount from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for contracts set aside for exclusive bidding by certified emerging small businesses contracting with ODOT when funded by the ESB Account.