House Bill 2911

Sponsored by Representative WITT (at the request of Oregon School Employees Association) (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Makes optional current requirement for public agencies to procure certain products or services from qualified nonprofit agency for individuals with disabilities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to procurements from qualified nonprofit agencies for individuals with disabilities; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 279.850.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 279.850 is amended to read:

279.850. (1) If [any] a public agency intends to procure [any] a product or service on the procurement list, [that] the public agency [shall] may, in accordance with rules of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, procure [such] the product or service, at the price established by the department, from a qualified nonprofit agency for individuals with disabilities[, provided] if the product or service [is of] meets the appropriate specifications and is available within the period [required by that] the public agency requires.

(2) In furthering the purposes of ORS 279.835 to 279.855, 279A.025 (4) and 279C.335, [it is the intent of] the Legislative Assembly intends that [there be close cooperation between] the department, public contracting agencies and qualified nonprofit agencies for individuals with disabilities cooperate closely. The department on behalf of public contracting agencies and qualified nonprofit agencies for individuals with disabilities [is authorized to] may enter into [such] contractual agreements, cooperative working relationships or other arrangements as [may be determined to be] are necessary for effective coordination and efficient realization of the objectives of ORS 279.835 to 279.855, 279A.025 (4) and 279C.335 and any other law requiring procurement of products or services.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 279.850 by section 1 of this 2011 Act apply to procurements a public agency makes on or after the effective date of this 2011 Act.

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