

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Frederick
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Johnson

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 22 – 3 – 1

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays: Freeman, Hanna, Huffman

Exc: McLane

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 25, 2013

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:

- Fiscal impact
- Need for task force

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: 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.

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.