

House Committee On Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/14/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 04/14

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Buehler, Fagan, Holvey, McLain, Nearman, Rayfield, Stark

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands disadvantaged enterprise certification to service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. Changes name of Office for Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business within the Oregon Business Development Department to Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity. Changes name of Advocate for Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business to Governor's Advisor for Economic and Business Equity. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Workgroup on disadvantaged enterprise certifications
- Mission of Office for Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Business Development Department, also known as Business Oregon, certifies businesses that meet the criteria for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Minority/Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) and Emerging Small Business (ESB) certifications. In order to qualify, a firm must be an independently owned and operated for-profit business which is properly licensed and registered with the Secretary of State, and at least 51 percent owned and controlled by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual who manages the day-to-day operations. Businesses meeting these criteria are eligible for certain contracting opportunities with federal, state, county and city governments and special jurisdictions.

House Bill 3303-A expands the certification program to include service-disabled veteran-owned businesses in the categories of disadvantaged business enterprises eligible for certain preferences in public contracting. The bill also changes the name of the office within the Oregon Business Development Department that certifies disadvantaged businesses to the Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity, and changes the name of the position reporting to the Governor on related matters to the Governor's Advisor for Economic and Business Equity.