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This is another of those magical thinking bills that does not understand the reality of the marketplace. It is important to have all contractors have their businesses be open to all members of the community who have the necessary skills, or wish to gain them, to do the work required, but they should not be forced to meet demands that will keep them from getting a contract if they have shown themselves to work in a fair and ethical manner. The rate of pay should be determined by average local wages for such work not on some rate influenced by other communities. The focus should be on transparency in procurement of contracts and their costs not social diversity. What matters is getting the job done in an efficient and fair way that gives the community confidence that their government is doing the job they were elected to do.