

**HB 1095-S2 - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/5/2009)

Finds that: (1) State government procurement of goods and services is a largely untapped market for Washington state small businesses; and

(2) Small businesses generally lack awareness of state procurement opportunities and how such opportunities can be pursued.

Declares an intent to: (1) Require state agencies to use the state's common vendor registration and bid notification system for publishing all procurement notices; and

(2) Direct the state's central services agencies to develop procurement policies, procedures, and materials that encourage and facilitate the purchase of products and services by state agencies from Washington small businesses.

Requires the director of the office of financial management, the director of the department of general administration, and the information services board to develop procurement policies and procedures, such as unbundled contracting and subcontracting, that encourage and facilitate the purchase of products and services by state agencies and institutions from Washington small businesses to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with international trade agreement commitments.

Requires the public printer to develop procurement policies and procedures, such as unbundled contracting and subcontracting, that encourage and facilitate the purchase of such services or supplies from Washington small businesses to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with international trade agreement commitments.

Directs the department of general administration to convene a working group including representatives of the office of financial management, the department of information services, and the state printer to work collaboratively to develop common policies and procedures that encourage and facilitate state government purchases from Washington small businesses.

Provides that the act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.