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Brief Title: Expanding employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

HB 1735-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Recognizes the necessity of strengthening the state's policy of creating employment opportunities for persons with disabilities and enabling achievement of maximum personal independence through expanded employment opportunities.

Encourages supported employment positions for people with disabilities within state government offices and provides state agencies with a more effective process for purchasing products and services from community rehabilitation programs that operate programs serving people with disabilities.

Seeks to gradually introduce the negotiated bid process for purchasing products and services from community rehabilitation programs and to provide a flexible purchasing framework that allows agencies to negotiate the type, quantity, and price of products produced by and services provided by community rehabilitation programs.