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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2925**

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**By** House Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Pettigrew, Bailey, McDonald, Darneille, Upthegrove, Hasegawa, Loomis, Kelley, Hankins, Rolfes, Morrell, Schual-Berke, and Santos)

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1       AN ACT Relating to establishing a plan for improving the  
2 effectiveness of the office of minority and women's business  
3 enterprises; amending RCW 39.19.041; and creating a new section.

4       BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** (1) The office of minority and women's  
6 business enterprises shall establish a plan, with timelines, to  
7 complete the following, with the overall goal of improving the  
8 effectiveness of the office of minority and women's business  
9 enterprises:

10       (a) A project to streamline the statewide certification process and  
11 improve the efficiency by which business applications for certification  
12 are submitted and approved. The project must also include improvements  
13 in outreach capability and improvements to the certification process  
14 that will facilitate certified firms' inclusion in purchases made by  
15 state agencies and educational institutions.

16       (b) A project to improve the ability of the office to encourage  
17 participation of firms certified under chapter 39.19 RCW as prime  
18 contractors and subcontractors in contracts awarded by state agencies  
19 and educational institutions.

1 (c) A database that allows the office to communicate and obtain  
2 data from other state agencies and to develop reports related to the  
3 participation in agency contracts of firms certified under chapter  
4 39.19 RCW. The report required under subsection (2) of this section  
5 must include fiscal information, including identification of fund  
6 sources for the database project.

7 (2) The office must develop the plan in consultation with the  
8 advisory committee on minority and women's business enterprises, and  
9 must report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the  
10 legislature by December 1, 2008, on the plan required by this section.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 39.19.041 and 1995 c 269 s 1302 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1) By July 1, 2008, the director ((may)) shall establish ((ad hoc  
14 advisory committees, as necessary,)) an advisory committee on minority  
15 and women's business enterprises to assist in the development of  
16 policies to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

17 (2) It is the legislature's intent that the advisory committee be  
18 as representative and diverse as possible.

19 (a) The advisory committee membership must include at least the  
20 following representation and take into account statewide geographic  
21 distribution of members:

22 (i) Businesses certified under this chapter;

23 (ii) Organizations that represent businesses certified under this  
24 chapter; and

25 (iii) State agencies, with representation of both large and small  
26 agencies.

27 (b) The legislature strongly recommends that local jurisdictions  
28 also participate on the advisory committee.

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