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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 applications for certification are  
12 submitted and approved by businesses. The project must also include  
13 improvements in outreach capability and improvements to the  
14 certification process that will facilitate certified firms'  
15 participation in contracts awarded by local governments.

16 (b) A project to improve the ability of the office to encourage  
17 participation of firms certified under chapter 39.19 RCW as  
18 subcontractors in contracts awarded by state and local governments.

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 By April 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. The advisory  
17 committee membership must include at least the following representation  
18 and take into account statewide geographic distribution of members:

19 (1) Businesses certified or eligible for certification under this  
20 chapter;

21 (2) Organizations that represent businesses certified or eligible  
22 for certification under this chapter;

23 (3) State agencies, with representation of both large and small  
24 agencies; and

25 (4) Local governments, with representation of both large and small  
26 agencies.

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