
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2050

State of Washington

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By House Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representative Pettigrew)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the small business enhancement
2 program; and adding a new section to chapter 39.19 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 39.19
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The microbusiness, minibusiness, and small business
7 enhancement program is established within the office to facilitate
8 opportunities for business growth and increased job development, spur
9 entrepreneurship and leadership, and increase the number and quality
10 of certified businesses enterprises qualifying for contracts with
11 state and local governments.

12 (2) To accomplish the goals of the program, the office shall:

13 (a) Identify microbusinesses, minibusinesses, and small
14 businesses eligible for certification under this chapter. The office
15 shall work with community organizations, including associate
16 development organizations defined in RCW 43.330.010, to identify new
17 businesses;

18 (b) Assist identified microbusinesses, minibusinesses, and small
19 businesses in the certification process;

1 (c) Provide training and information to microbusinesses,
2 minibusinesses, and small businesses on preparing proposals for
3 government contracts;

4 (d) Assist microbusinesses, minibusinesses, and small businesses
5 in developing a business plan that will enable them to grow and be
6 successful; and

7 (e) Provide established certified businesses development services
8 that focus on business growth, job growth, and increased
9 participation in government contracting.

10 (3) The office shall work with the department of commerce to
11 leverage grants, programs, federal funds, and other resources to
12 accomplish the goals of the program.

13 (4) "Microbusiness" for purposes of this section has the same
14 meaning as RCW 39.26.010(17).

15 (5) "Minibusiness" for the purposes of this section has the same
16 meaning as RCW 39.26.010(18).

17 (6) "Small business" for purposes of this section has the same
18 meaning as RCW 39.26.010(23).

19 (7) The office must develop outcome-focused performance measures
20 to assess program effectiveness. Performance measures shall include,
21 but not be limited to: The number of businesses identified and newly
22 certified by the office; the number of jobs created and sustained;
23 the number of existing certified businesses that increase the number
24 of government contracts secured; and the growth of minority, women,
25 and disadvantaged business enterprises securing government contracts.

26 (8) The office shall report to the governor and the appropriate
27 committees of the legislature on the effectiveness of the program by
28 December 1, 2016.

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