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By Senators Honeyford, Rasmussen, Fairley, Oke, Patterson, Heavey, Rossi, Hargrove, McAuliffe, Winsley, Bauer, Stevens and Kohl-Welles

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS 2 ENTERPRISES:

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent and petition as follows:

WHEREAS, The state has a strong interest in enhancing opportunities for disabled persons who own and control businesses to compete in the free market and support themselves through gainful employment; and

9 WHEREAS, The state should encourage fair and equal opportunities 10 for disabled persons who own and control businesses to be awarded 11 public contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists request that the office of minority and women's business enterprises certify businesses owned and controlled by disabled persons as a subcategory of minority business enterprises.

BE IT RESOLVED, That a copy of this Memorial be transmitted to the director of the office of minority and women's business enterprises.

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