

Subject Targeted group small businesses

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Overview

This bill authorizes the commissioner of administration to allow small businesses to be certified by a nationally recognized certifying organization in order to participate in the state's small business and small targeted group business programs.

These programs provide a percentage-based bid preference in state contracting for goods or services for businesses participating in the program. Targeted group businesses include those where the majority ownership is women, persons with a substantial physical disability, or specific minority communities. Veteran-owned small businesses, and businesses located in an economically disadvantaged area also receive a bid preference when participating in the program.