

**Subject** Targeted group businesses

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## Summary

Current law authorizes the commissioner of administration to award a preference in state contracting for bids from certain types of small businesses, including those owned and operated by women, persons with a substantial physical disability, certain minority groups, veterans, and those located in economically disadvantaged areas.

Under the existing law, these types of business are awarded a preference in competitive bidding, and are also eligible to enter a contract without competitive bidding if the value of the contract is \$25,000 or less.

This bill increases the preference awarded to these businesses from six percent to 12 percent, and increases the limit on small contracts that may be entered without competitive bidding from \$25,000 to \$50,000.