

HCS HB 2272 -- PUBLIC CONTRACT BIDDING

SPONSOR: Jones (50)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 1.

This bill allows certain non-profit organizations to receive the same number of points as minority business enterprises (MBE) and women's business enterprises (WBE) for public contract bidding preferences.

A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization or limited liability corporation comprised solely of 501(C)(3) organizations that is based in Missouri will receive the same number of points as a minority business enterprise if it can show:

(1) The organization's entire staff is comprised of at least 25% minorities or the staff is comprised of more than 5% greater than the average minority population of the geographic area that is served by the organization; and

(2) The organization's staff that is classified as management or the 20% of the staff with the highest salaries is comprised of at least 20% minorities or the staff is comprised of a percentage that is greater than the average minority population of the geographic area that is served by the organization.

A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization or limited liability corporation comprised solely of 501(C)(3) organizations that is based in Missouri will receive the same number of points as a women's business enterprise if it can show:

(1) The organization's entire staff is comprised of at least 55% women; and

(2) The organization's staff that is classified as management or the 20% of the staff with the highest salaries is comprised of at least 45% women.

MBE and WBE bidders must not be awarded more than five points in the bidding process.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill levels the playing field for women and minority business owners who run nonprofits in Missouri.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Jones; Family Resource Center, and Missouri Coalition of Children's Agencies.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.