

Labor and Public Employees Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-359

AN ACT EXTENDING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS TO EMPLOYEES OF

Title: BUSINESSES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE.

Vote Date: 3/21/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/21/2019

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Labor and Public Employees Committee.

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill will bring entities that receive state financial assistance through the Commerce and Economic and Community Development laws, under the states whistle blower law, making state financial aid recipients large state contractors under the law.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None submitted.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Isabel Blank, Manager, External Affairs, Yankee Institute for Public Policy: The federal False Claims Act protects whistleblowers who expose companies, individuals and contractors who defraud the government with respect to government funds, including grants and payments for goods and services. This bill will protect honest workers exposing abuse while simultaneously promoting the honest use of tax dollars. It also promotes transparency.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None submitted.

Marie Knudsen

Date: March 25, 2019

