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Raised Bill No. 238

LCO No. 1780



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING A DISPARITY STUDY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commission on Human
2 Rights and Opportunities and the Institute for Municipal and Regional
3 Policy at Central Connecticut State University shall, in consultation with
4 the Department of Administrative Services, conduct a disparity study.
5 The study shall provide an analysis of existing statistical data
6 concerning the state's set-aside program, established under section 4a-
7 60g of the general statutes, to determine whether its current form
8 achieves the goal of facilitating the participation in state contracts of
9 small contractors and minority business enterprises. The study shall
10 include, but shall not be limited to, a review of the state's current set-
11 aside program practices and the best practices of other states or
12 governmental entities. The study shall examine:

13 (1) Whether, based on available data and analysis, there is significant
14 statistical evidence of past or continuing discrimination in the awarding
15 of state contracts;

16 (2) The number of small contractors or minority business enterprises,
17 based on available data and analysis, that are qualified for eligibility for
18 state contracts under the set-aside program established under section
19 4a-60g of the general statutes, and a determination of whether such
20 businesses are legitimate small contractors or legitimately owned by
21 members of a minority; and

22 (3) The state's contracting processes, to determine if there are any
23 contracting practices or unintentional but existing barriers in the process
24 that prevent small contractors and minority business enterprises from
25 fully participating in such contracting process.

26 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the executive director of the
27 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities shall submit the
28 findings of such study and any recommendations for legislative action
29 concerning such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
30 4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
31 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
32 administration and labor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy to conduct a disparity study.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]