

AMENDMENTS TO LB 371

Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 5 of this act shall be known and
4 may be cited as the Transparency in Government Procurement Act.

5 Sec. 2. (1) The Legislature finds that:

6 (a) Transparency in public procurement is an important
7 tool to deter corruption and to maintain the public's trust in
8 government contracting;

9 (b) Taxpayers deserve to know how and where their tax
10 dollars are being spent;

11 (c) The economy and general welfare of this state and
12 its people and the economy and general welfare of the United
13 States are inseparably linked to the preservation and development
14 of manufacturing industries in this state, as well as all the other
15 states of this nation; and

16 (d) Recognizing such link, it should be the policy of
17 this state that, whenever possible, taxpayer dollars be reinvested
18 with its individual and employer taxpayers in order to foster job
19 retention and growth and to ensure a broad and healthy tax base for
20 future investments vital to the state's infrastructure.

21 (2) The Legislature declares that it shall be the policy
22 of this state that the Department of Administrative Services shall
23 quantify the portion of its procurement spending that is reinvested

1 with taxpayers in this state and the nation.

2 Sec. 3. (1) The Department of Administrative Services
3 shall create an annual report that includes:

4 (a) The total number and value of contracts awarded by
5 the department;

6 (b) The total number and value of contracts awarded by
7 the department to contractors within this state;

8 (c) The total number and value of contracts awarded by
9 the department to foreign contractors; and

10 (d) The total number of contracts awarded by the
11 department for which a preference was given under section
12 73-101.01.

13 (2) The first such report created pursuant to subsection
14 (1) of this section shall be submitted to the Governor and the
15 Legislature on or before September 1, 2014, and shall include the
16 information specified in such subsection from FY2013-14. Subsequent
17 reports shall be submitted on or before September 1 each year
18 thereafter and shall include the required information from the
19 fiscal year ending on such date. The reports submitted to the
20 Legislature and the Governor shall be submitted electronically.
21 Each annual report shall be made available to the public through
22 publication on the department's web site on or before September 1
23 of each year.

24 Sec. 4. Beginning on July 1, 2013, each contract awarded
25 by the Department of Administrative Services shall require that
26 the contractors provide to the department any and all information
27 needed for compliance with section 3 of this act.

1 Sec. 5. The Transparency in Government Procurement
2 Act applies only to contracts awarded by the Department of
3 Administrative Services on and after July 1, 2013.

4 Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
5 when passed and approved according to law.