

**Introduced by Senator Nielsen**

February 3, 2015

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An act to amend Section 14839 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 159, as introduced, Nielsen. Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services.

Existing law provides for various programs to encourage the participation of small businesses, as certified by the Department of General Services, in state agency contracts, and sets forth the duties of the Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services in this regard.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14839 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 14839. There is hereby established within the department the
- 4 Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise
- 5 Services. The duties of the office shall include:
- 6 (a) Compiling and maintaining a comprehensive bidders list of
- 7 qualified small businesses and disabled veteran business
- 8 enterprises, and noting which small businesses also qualify as
- 9 microbusinesses.

- 1 (b) Coordinating with the Federal Small Business  
2 Administration, the Minority Business Development Agency, and  
3 the Office of Small Business Development of the Department of  
4 Economic and Business Development.
- 5 (c) Providing technical and managerial aids to small businesses,  
6 microbusinesses, and disabled veteran business ~~enterprises~~;  
7 *enterprises* by conducting workshops on matters in connection  
8 with government procurement and contracting.
- 9 (d) Assisting small businesses, microbusinesses, and disabled  
10 veteran business ~~enterprises~~; *enterprises* in complying with the  
11 procedures for bidding on state contracts.
- 12 (e) Working with appropriate state, federal, local, and private  
13 organizations and business enterprises in disseminating information  
14 on bidding procedures and opportunities available to small  
15 businesses, microbusinesses, and disabled veteran business  
16 enterprises.
- 17 (f) Making recommendations to the department and other state  
18 agencies for simplification of specifications and terms in order to  
19 increase the opportunities for small business, microbusiness, and  
20 disabled veteran business enterprise participation.
- 21 (g) Developing, by regulation, other programs and practices  
22 that are reasonably necessary to aid and protect the interest of small  
23 businesses, microbusinesses, and disabled veteran business  
24 enterprises in contracting with the state.
- 25 (h) Making efforts to develop, in cooperation with associations  
26 representing counties, cities, and special districts, a core statewide  
27 small business certification application that may be adopted by all  
28 participating entities, with any supplemental provisions to be added  
29 as necessary by the respective entities.
- 30 (i) The information furnished by each contractor requesting a  
31 small business or microbusiness preference shall be under penalty  
32 of perjury.