

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 552**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell**

February 23, 2015

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An act to amend Section 10500.5 of the Public Contract Code, relating to public contracts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 552, as introduced, O'Donnell. Preferences in contracting.

Existing law sets forth various goals and timetables for participation of minorities and women with respect to state employment and certain state contracts, including contracts entered into by the University of California.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this 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 10500.5 of the Public Contract Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 10500.5. It is the intent of the Legislature to facilitate the  
4 participation of small businesses, particularly small disadvantaged  
5 or minority business enterprises, women business enterprises, and  
6 disabled veteran business enterprises, in business contracting with  
7 the University of California. The Legislature intends that the  
8 Regents of the University of California adopt policies and  
9 procedures to ensure that a fair proportion of university contracts  
10 be placed with small business enterprises, particularly small

1 disadvantaged, women, and disabled veteran business enterprises,  
2 in areas of commodity purchases, services, and construction  
3 contracts. It is ~~further~~ *the further* intent of the Legislature that  
4 the regents adopt, by January 1, 1985, with respect to small  
5 business enterprises, particularly small disadvantaged and women  
6 business enterprises, and by January 1, 1992, with respect to  
7 disabled veteran business enterprises, policies and procedures that  
8 include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

9 (a) Annual targets for utilization of small businesses, particularly  
10 disadvantaged business enterprises, women business enterprises,  
11 and disabled veteran business enterprises, including subcontracts  
12 for construction.

13 (b) Annual statistical reports on the participation of small  
14 businesses, particularly disadvantaged business enterprises, women  
15 business enterprises, and disabled veteran business enterprises, as  
16 general contractors and subcontractors in each project.

17 (c) Outreach programs.

18 (d) Directories of disadvantaged business enterprises, women  
19 business enterprises, and disabled veteran business enterprises.

20 (e) Monitoring by the regents of progress with respect to ~~the~~  
21 ~~utilization of~~ *utilizing* disadvantaged business enterprises, women  
22 business enterprises, and disabled veteran business enterprises.

23 It is also the intent of the Legislature that the Regents of the  
24 University of California report annually to the Legislature, on or  
25 before each July 1, on the participation of small disadvantaged  
26 business enterprises, women business enterprises, and disabled  
27 veteran business enterprises in university business contracting.