

AB 28 (V.M. Pérez) would make various revisions to the Enterprise Zone program. It would require DGS to provide information to Housing and Community Development “on the use and outcomes that the department tracks relating to the enterprise zone procurement preference” for HCD’s biennial report. It would require HCD’s report to include information on the disabled, disabled veterans, veterans, ex-offenders, former recipients of public assistance, and individuals within the targeted employment areas. *Status: Double-referred to Assembly Jobs Committee and Assembly Local Government Committee. No hearing set.*

AB 172 (Weber) would raise the bid preference for a microbusiness to 7 percent from the current 5 percent. The bid preference for other small businesses would remain at 5 percent. *Status: Referred to Assembly Administrative Review and Accountability Committee. No hearing set.*

AB 173 (Weber) would extend the provisions of the Small Business/DVBE Option for goods, services, and information technology to the University of California, the California State University, and local community college districts. Other provisions of law, including advertising, bidding, and protest requirements, would be waived for purchases between \$5,000 and \$250,000 made with small businesses and DVBEs, provided that the college or university had obtained timely, responsive bids from two responsible small businesses or two DVBEs. Contracts for construction are not covered by the bill. The provisions related to the University of California are subject to the caveat that they are effective only if the UC Regents, by resolution, make them applicable. *Status: Referred to Assembly Jobs and Economic Development Committee. No hearing set.*

AB 550 (Brown) is a spot bill related to the Office of Small Business and DVBE Services. *Status: In print, not yet referred to committee.*

AB 965 (Brown) is a spot bill. Currently, it expresses legislative intent to create a statewide small business certification system. *Status: In print, not yet referred to committee.*

AB 1239 (Holden) is a spot bill relating to public purchases of items made by sweatshop labor. *Status: In print, not yet referred to committee.*

AB 1260 (Medina) would create a definition of “California family owned business” in the Government Code provisions governing DGS. It also makes legislative findings. It expresses legislative intent to enact legislation to aid, counsel, assist, and protect these businesses’ interests to the maximum extent feasible.

Status: In print, not yet referred to committee.

SB 276 (Roth) would increase the limit on the Small Business/DVBE Option to \$500,000 for goods, services, and information technology. It would not affect the limit for construction.

Status: Double-referred to Senate Governmental Organization Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee. No hearing set.

SB 297 (Roth) would increase the DVBE participation goal to 5 percent.

Status: Referred to Senate Governmental Organization Committee. No hearing set.

SB 437 (Berryhill) is a spot bill related to the DVBE program.

Status: In print, not yet referred to committee.

SB 733 (Block) would entirely rewrite the business utilization plan option for DVBE participation. It would require DGS to certify firms that have opted to use a business utilization plan, pursuant to revised requirements, and to calculate a specific value for the business utilization plan. The business utilization plan value would be a finite amount that could be credited toward DVBE participation; the firm and its DVBE would be required to track this value and notify the awarding department when it has been exhausted.

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