

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

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A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the governor to issue an executive order in accordance with R.S. 39:1596 to provide greater opportunities for small, local, and diverse businesses to compete for the state's small purchase procurement needs.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Procurement Code authorizes the governor to establish procedures for the procurement of small purchases; and

WHEREAS, the legislature created the Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships, also known as the Hudson Initiative, and the Louisiana Initiative for Veteran and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Entrepreneurships, also known as the Veteran Initiative, to facilitate the growth and stability of Louisiana's economy by fostering utilization by state interests of the business offerings available for state procurement and public contracts from Louisiana's small entrepreneurships and veteran and service-connected disabled veteran-owned small entrepreneurships; and

WHEREAS, given the magnitude of the state's procurement and public contracting activity, state government is uniquely situated to create an environment where small entrepreneurships have an opportunity to thrive and ultimately enhance the stability of Louisiana's economy; and

WHEREAS, the governor issued Executive Order Number JBE 2017-18, relative to small purchase procedures, that included waivers for the requirement that agencies solicit a certain number of quotations if making purchases from a business certified in accordance with the Hudson Initiative and the Veteran Initiative; and

WHEREAS, increasing the maximum amount of small purchases that qualify for this waiver would improve competitiveness for small, rural, minority, female, and veteran enterprises that wish to conduct business with the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the governor to issue an executive order in accordance with R.S. 39:1596 to provide greater opportunities for small, local, and diverse businesses to compete for the state's small purchase procurement needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana further requests that the executive order contain the following changes to Executive Order Number JBE 2017-18:

(1) An increase in the defined maximum value of "small purchases" from twenty-five thousand dollars to thirty thousand dollars.

(2) An increase in the micro-purchase threshold from five thousand dollars to ten thousand dollars.

(3) An increase in the intermediate tier from fifteen thousand dollars to twenty thousand dollars.

(4) An increase in the exemption for purchases made from Hudson and Veterans Initiative-certified entrepreneurship from fifteen thousand to thirty thousand.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the governor.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES