DIGEST

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Cox HB No. 908

Abstract: Requires documentation of equal pay practices.

<u>Present law</u> requires the low bidder to a public contract to submit certain documentation and information within 10 days after the bid opening.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds verification of equal pay practices to the documentation and information that must be submitted under present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a public entity may not enter a contract for goods or services with a private employer unless the private employer:

- (1) Provides a sworn affidavit attesting compliance with <u>proposed law;</u>
- (2) Complies with <u>proposed law</u> during the term of the contract; and
- (3) Maintains and makes available its records required under <u>proposed law</u> at reasonable times upon notice from the contracting public entity.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a private employer must require subcontractors to fulfill all equal pay requirements under proposed law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a public entity contracting with a private employer that is in violation of <u>proposed law</u> must require the employer to comply with <u>proposed law</u> within a reasonable amount of time and that a private employer that fails to meet such a requirement is subject to termination of any public contract.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a private employer penalized in accordance with <u>proposed law</u> has the right to appeal to the appropriate agency, department, or other public entity sanctioning the employer.

<u>Proposed</u> law provides that the actions of a subcontractor in violation of <u>proposed law</u> will subject a private employer to the penalties associated with public contracts under <u>proposed law</u> only if the private employer had actual knowledge of the subcontractor's failure to comply with <u>proposed law</u>.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(b)(ii)(bb); Adds R.S. 38:2212.11)