

**BILL:** **Senate Bill 1014** - Minority Business Enterprises and Small Business Enterprises - Procurement Forecast and Outreach

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Budget and Taxation

**DATE:** February 28, 2024

**POSITION:** Letter of Information

Upon review of Senate Bill 1014 – Minority Business Enterprises and Small Business Enterprises - Procurement Forecast and Outreach, the Department of General Services (DGS) provides these comments.

The bill aims to require state agencies to publish and periodically update a procurement forecast report. As introduced, the bill would require each agency to post their forecast report on the agency website annually by May 1. Currently, procurement forecast reports are submitted to the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs (GOSBA) by June 30 for the following fiscal year. The forecast reports are posted to GOSBA’s website.

The proposed bill will require DGS and other agencies to gather and post procurement information for the upcoming fiscal year two months earlier than currently required. This may result in some information not included as outcomes from the legislative session may not be incorporated in the forecast.

DGS and GOSBA have worked with the sponsor to further advance the bill with proposed technical amendments that align the bill with current practices.

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