

2023 Policy Proposals



Clarifying and Enhancing State Building Sustainability Statutes (HF2036)

Improve sustainability and cost effectiveness of state operations:

- Provides greater clarity for contractors by streamlining sustainable building and energy use statutes.
- Ensures sustainability requirements for public facilities are met in pre-design and design documents.
- Allows greater flexibility for agencies and local entities in meeting Sustainable Building 2030 standards.
- Encourages renewable energy installation on state facilities by increasing renewable energy generation caps on state buildings. The energy would only be used for the designated facility and could not be sold back on to the electric energy grid.



State Contracting Enhancements (HF1818/SF1425)

Policy changes to update public purchasing statutes and further streamline Targeted Group, Economically Disadvantaged, and Veteran Owned (TG/ED/VO) provisions:

- Raises the threshold from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to build on the success of the program which streamlines purchases from a TG/ED/VO business.
- Increases the competitive preference for TG/ED/VO businesses from 6% to 12%.
- Eases the process for TG/ED/VO businesses to do business with the state by recognizing relevant national certifications of business ownership approved by the Commissioner.
- Adds Tribally-owned businesses to eligible targeted groups, aligning with federal law.



State Construction Updates (HF1863)

Streamlines processes, adds flexibility and clarifications for agencies to improve state construction management:

- Clarifies that state construction contracts can be negotiated using a best value procurement process.
- Clarifies project definition and updates State Designer Selection Board review thresholds to \$4 million or \$400,000 planning fees with future periodic inflation adjustments.
- Clarifies which projects can use asset preservation and CAPRA funds.
- Adds consultants to the list of construction delay exemptions for state projects. This change will avoid delays which can last weeks and increase project costs.
- Increases emergency preparedness by extending the Commissioner's emergency authority to include for design and construction projects. This change aligns with the national and state conversations around national preparedness.



Policy & Technical (HF1750)

Good governance changes to assist and streamline Admin's work and correct obsolete statutes:

- Technical updates for the State Historic Preservation Office.
- Codifies an existing rule for the data challenge appeals process and clarifies that the Commissioner can dismiss appeals that do not meet the minimum requirements.
- Codifies the move of Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution to Admin from BMS
- Codifies the Office of Enterprise Sustainability in law.
- Guarantees access to apartment buildings for census enumerators.
- Clarifies what should be included in the electric service fee for electric vehicle contract parkers on the Capitol Complex.
- Removes references to obsolete reports that were due only in 2013 and 2014.