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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill broadens the authority of the Commissioner of Administration to designate *targeted group businesses* to include veteran-owned small businesses, for purposes of providing a preference in the awarding of procurement contracts by state agencies, the University of Minnesota, and most metro-area agencies, as well as for awarding highway construction contracts by MnDOT.

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1 **Designation of targeted groups.** Broadens the designation of *targeted group businesses* for purposes of providing a bid-price preference in state contracting, to include small businesses owned by military veterans. Currently, the Commissioner of Administration may designate as *targeted group businesses* those businesses that are majority-owned by:

- § women;
- § persons with a substantial physical disability; and/or
- § specific minorities.

The bill would allow the Commissioner to add to the list small businesses that are majority-owned and operated by veterans.

Left unchanged by the bill is the current 6% pricing preference for *targeted group businesses*. Under current law, this preference applies to procurement contracts awarded by state agencies, MnSCU institutions, the University of Minnesota, and most metro-area

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agencies.

Effective date. Applies to contract solicitations for contract bids issued on and after July 1, 2007.