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Overview

This bill makes a variety of changes to the law governing bid-preferences available to veteran-owned small businesses and appropriates \$100,000 to develop and fund a certification program for veteran-owned small businesses.

Section

- 1 **Eligibility rules.** Modifies the criteria that the Department of Administration must follow in certifying Minnesota veteran-owned small businesses.
- 2 **Definitions.** Defines the term “state funds” for purposes of the veteran-owned small business contracting statute.
- 3 **Policy; purpose; director.** Requires county boards to establish a bid-preference program for veteran-owned businesses for capital projects that use state funds.
- 4 **Veteran preference.** Directs cities to award veteran-owned small businesses a six percent preference in public infrastructure projects.
- 5 **Veteran-owned small business contracts.** Directs local units of government to implement a bid-preference program for veteran-owned businesses for capital projects that use state funds.
- 6 **Veteran-owned small business certification; appropriation.** Appropriates \$100,000 to the Commissioner of Administration to develop and fund a certification program for veteran-owned small businesses.