

Subject Metropolitan Council; small business contracting requirements

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Summary

This bill modifies a section in the Metropolitan Governance chapter of the Minnesota Statutes to add the broad term “small businesses” to the small businesses procurement statute for the Metropolitan Council. A new legislative reporting requirement is added, requiring the Metropolitan Council to submit to the legislature information on small business contracts awarded in the preceding calendar year. Technical amendments, including restructuring the section into subdivisions, are made throughout.

The bill also repeals Minnesota Statutes, section 473.144, which currently prohibits the Metropolitan Council from accepting bids or proposals for contracts in excess of \$100,000 from certain businesses unless the business has an affirmative action plan submitted to the commissioner of human rights for approval.