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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

Introduced By: Senators Calkin, Mack, Anderson, Mendes, Bell, and Quezada

Date Introduced: January 26, 2021

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 37-2 of the General Laws entitled "State Purchases" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **37-2-82. Selection of vendors and services based on economic security and pay**  
4 **equality.**

5           The director of the department of administration is authorized and directed to promulgate  
6 rules and regulations giving preference in contract and/or subcontract awards to business  
7 enterprises whose highest paid executive receives compensation and/or salary equal to twenty-five  
8 (25) times or less than the median compensation and/or salary paid to its nonexecutive employees.  
9 To the extent that any of the provisions contained in this section conflict with the requirements for  
10 federal contracts, federal law and/or regulations shall control.

11           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would direct the department of administration to promulgate regulations giving  
2 preference in the awarding of state contracts to business enterprises whose highest paid executive  
3 receives compensation equal to or less than twenty-five (25) times the median pay of its  
4 nonexecutive employees.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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