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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

Introduced By: Representatives Morales, Ranglin-Vassell, Tanzi, Potter, Lombardi,
Henries, and Batista

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House 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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