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TO: JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE  
FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS  
RE: S.B. 858- PROCUREMENT AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES- EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS  
POSITION: OPPOSE

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) opposes S.B. 858 which is before you today for consideration. The bill requires that specified procurements at a state or local correctional facility give preference to bidders based on the number of employees who are formerly incarcerated individuals. This will have a dramatic change in the current process when it comes to the awarding of construction contracts. The construction industry has been a leader in the training and hiring of returning citizens and already understands the importance of getting these individuals involved in the local workforce.

The fiscal note reflects that this price preference may lead to higher costs at the state level as competition is reduced, and will have the same impact at the local level.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC members across the state, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on S.B. 858.

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