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House Bill 696 (Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Minority Business Enterprise Programs - Yearly Reports
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This bill requires the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to report to the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Delegations on the implementation and administration of WSSC's minority business enterprise (MBE) program for construction by September 15 of each year.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission currently submits annual reports on its construction minority business enterprise program to the Montgomery County and Prince George's County delegations. The bill codifies current practice.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: WSSC is required to report on its construction MBE program by September 15, 2001, and on its MBE program for procurement of all other goods and services by September 15 of each year. Both MBE programs will sunset July 1, 2002.

Background: WSSC is required to have a mandatory minority business utilization program

to facilitate the participation of responsible certified MBEs in WSSC contracts. Under *City of Richmond v. Croson*, 488 U.S. 469 (1989), WSSC's MBE program must be narrowly tailored to remedy its past discrimination.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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