

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, many political subdivisions require businesses wishing to bid on public work to be certified by the subdivision. The procedure for certification requires the business to be classified as a legitimate business qualified to bid on public work. Certification is a required procedure for a business to bid on public work for any department and entity located within and under the subdivision's jurisdiction. There is concern that this procedure may be an obstacle for some businesses in regard to time and efficiency in bidding on public work. H.B. 2729 authorizes any combination of certain local political entities, by ordinance, resolution, rule, order, or other means, to agree to establish a regional business certification program to be used in connection with the political subdivisions' purchasing procedures.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2729 authorizes any combination of certain local political entities, by ordinance, resolution, rule, order, or other means, to agree to establish a regional business certification program to be used in connection with the political subdivisions' purchasing procedures.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 280, Local Government Code, by adding Section 280.003, as follows:

Sec. 280.003. REGIONAL BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS. Authorizes any combination of certain local political entities, by ordinance, resolution, rule, order, or other means, to agree to establish a regional business certification program to be used in connection with the political subdivisions' purchasing procedures. Authorizes a consolidated entity administering a program established under this section to adopt rules, regulations, or other provisions that are designed to streamline and centralize the certification process of certain qualified businesses to participate in the contracting and procurement process of any member entity involved in the regional business certification program. Provides that the purpose of this section is to permit participating political subdivisions the greatest possible flexibility to organize a regional business certification program most suitable to address the region's problems related to business certification.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.