Amend **HB 2559** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____. Subchapter B, Chapter 802, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 802.1035 to read as follows:

Sec. 802.1035. ANNUAL WOMEN AND MINORITY PARTICIPATION REPORT. (a) In this section:

(1) "Minority-owned business" means a business entity at least 51 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in the case of a corporation, at least 51 percent of the shares of which are owned by minority group members, and that is managed and, in daily operations, controlled by minority group members.

(2) "Minority group members" includes:

(A) African Americans;

(B) American Indians;

(C) Asian Americans;

(D) Americans of Hispanic origin; and

(E) persons with disabilities.

(3) "Women-owned business" means a business entity at least 51 percent of which is owned by women or, in the case of a corporation, at least 51 percent of the shares of which are owned by women, and that is managed and controlled by women in its daily operations.

(b) The Employees Retirement System of Texas shall annually, in accordance with rules adopted by the board, submit to the board a report regarding the participation by minority-owned and women-owned businesses in the management and investment of the assets of the system. At a minimum, the report must detail participation by minority-owned and women-owned businesses, including the participation of minority-owned and women-owned financial services firms, expressed as a percentage of the total assets under management by outside business entities under contract with the system. The report must separately detail types of financial services firms and asset classes.

(c) This section does not require a person to disclose the person's sex, race, ethnicity, or disabled status as a condition of contracting with the Employees Retirement System of Texas.