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H.B. No. 1021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to considering ownership interests of disabled persons in  
3 determining whether a business is a historically underutilized  
4 business for purposes of state contracting.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 2161.001(3), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (3) "Economically disadvantaged person" means a  
9 person who is economically disadvantaged because of the person's  
10 identification as a member of a certain group, including Black  
11 Americans, Hispanic Americans, women, Asian Pacific Americans,  
12 ~~[and]~~ Native Americans, and persons with a disability as defined by  
13 42 U.S.C. Section 12102, and who has suffered the effects of  
14 discriminatory practices or other similar insidious circumstances  
15 over which the person has no control.

16 SECTION 2. Section 2161.125, Government Code, is amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 2161.125. CATEGORIZATION OF HISTORICALLY  
19 UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES [~~BY SEX, RACE, AND ETHNICITY~~]. The  
20 comptroller, in cooperation with each state agency reporting under  
21 this subchapter, shall categorize each historically underutilized  
22 business included in a report under this subchapter by sex, race,  
23 and ethnicity and by whether the historically underutilized  
24 business derives its status as a historically underutilized

1 business because it is owned or owned, operated, and controlled, as  
2 applicable, wholly or partly by one or more persons with a  
3 disability as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 12102.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.