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TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1488 by West (Relating to the purchasing and contracting practices of junior college districts; providing criminal penalties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require larger, urban community college districts to adopt a policy to increase contracting with historically underutilized businesses. It would require each affected district to report in a newspaper of general circulation the total number and value of contracts awarded by the district in the preceding fiscal year and the number and value of those contracts awarded to historically underutilized businesses.

The bill also stipulates a framework for the purchasing and contracting practices of public community colleges. The bill would make district purchases of goods or services subject to audit by the state auditor.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

However, there would be undetermined local costs associated with the bill's requirement to create and implement a policy to increase contracting with historically underutilized businesses. There would also be local costs associated with the bill's newspaper publishing requirements.

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