

Amend **CSSB 1** (house committee printing), in Article IX of the bill, by adding the following appropriately numbered section in Part 6 of that article:

Sec. 6.____. Preference for Individuals or Entities that Use E-verify Program. A state agency that uses funds appropriated by this Act to purchase any goods or services must give first preference to individuals or entities that use the E-verify program established under the federal Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant federal Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-208, reprinted in note, 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a), operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify the work authorization status of their newly hired employees.