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H.B. No. 2522

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the definition of economically disadvantaged person for
3 purposes of certifying a business as a historically underutilized
4 business.

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 a member of a racial or ethnic group that comprises
10 less than 50 percent of the state's population [~~economically~~
11 ~~disadvantaged because of the person's identification as a member of~~
12 ~~a certain group, including Black Americans, Hispanic Americans,~~
13 ~~women, Asian Pacific Americans, and Native Americans, and who has~~
14 ~~suffered the effects of discriminatory practices or other similar~~
15 ~~insidious circumstances over which the person has no control~~].

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
17 to the certification of a business as a historically underutilized
18 business under Chapter 2161, Government Code, occurring on or after
19 the effective date of this Act. The certification of a business as
20 a historically underutilized business occurring before the
21 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the
22 time the certification occurred, and the former law is continued in
23 effect for that purpose.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.