



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 553

Assembly Amendment 1

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 553

Assembly Bill 553 prohibits any state agency or other body in state government and any local governmental unit, including a special purpose district, from adopting a rule, ordinance, policy, or procedure that involves the state agency or local governmental unit in a “prohibited boycott,” defined in the bill as a boycott of Israel or a person doing business in Israel or in a territory under Israeli jurisdiction.

The bill also requires contracts for materials, supplies, equipment, and services between state purchasing agents and nongovernmental entities to include a provision that the nongovernmental entity is not currently participating, or will not for the duration of the contract participate, in a prohibited boycott.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 specifies that the bill’s limitation on state and local contracts for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, or contractual services only applies to contracts with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or more.

Additionally, the amendment clarifies that the bill’s requirement that state and local procurement contracts include a provision relating to prohibited boycotts only applies to contracts with a “company,” defined as “a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of those entities or business associations.”

BILL HISTORY

Representative Kooyenga offered Assembly Amendment 1 on January 9, 2018. On January 31, 2018, the Assembly Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommended adoption of the amendment, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 1, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 1.

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