

**H.B. 2141**

I feel as though the 100 employee limit should be waived or eliminated because it would create economic opportunities for small disadvantaged businesses to grow, especially on the manufacturing and construction side. It would also help the commonwealth by creating job opportunities and generate tax revenues.

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The mentor/protégé program is a valuable asset to small businesses to successfully participate and eventually compete for prime and subcontract awards. Because of contract sizes and scope of work a small business is unable to compete or participate on contracts that exceed a certain dollar amount as well as the scope of the project and workforce that is required to participate. A mentor/protégé program would assist a small business to meet these requirements.

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