

SENATE BILL NO. 154

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Labor & Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to bidder preferences in state procurement."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 36.30.321(i) is amended to read:

4 (i) To qualify for a preference under (b), (d), [OR] (f), or (l) of this section, a
5 bidder or offeror must add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and
6 supervising the services provided, or the bidder or offeror must have sold supplies of
7 the general nature solicited to other state agencies, other governments, or the general
8 public.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 36.30.321 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (l) If a bidder or offeror qualifies as an Alaska bidder and is a qualifying
11 entity, a two-percent preference shall be applied to the price in the bid or proposal.
12 The preference may not exceed \$5,000. In this subsection, "qualifying entity" means
13 an entity that

14 (1) employs at least one person who is currently enrolled in, or within
15 the previous two years graduated from, a United States Department of Defense

1 SkillBridge or United States Army career skills program for service members or
2 spouses of service members that offers civilian work experience through specific
3 industry training, pre-apprenticeships, registered apprenticeships, or internships during
4 the last 180 days before a service member separates or retires from the service; or

5 (2) has an active partnership with an entity that employs an apprentice
6 through a program described in (1) of this subsection.