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**REGULATORY RELIEF
FOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

SENATE BILL NO. 356
Introduced by Senator Wright

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 356, as amended, Wright. Regulations: small businesses.

...This bill would require an agency [that is considering adopting, amending, or repealing a regulation]... to consult with [involved parties who would be subject to the regulation] ... and would delete the condition that the agency involve those parties if the proposal is large or complex.

...This bill would... define a small business with regard to being owned and operated by a person and meeting specified conditions regarding employment or gross receipts.

...This bill would ... require the description of reasonable alternatives to include the establishment of less *burdensome*, consolidated, or simplified compliance or reporting requirements, the use of performance standards, and exemptions from the regulation, for small businesses. The bill would require an agency that rejects a reasonable alternative that is less burdensome to small businesses to state its reasons for rejecting the alternative.

...This bill would... require an agency to submit an economic impact statement that makes that assessment and would also require an agency, before submitting a proposal, to prepare a small business economic impact statement that contains specified information.

...This bill would additionally require a state agency adopting, amending, or repealing a regulation to make an initial determination whether the regulation will have an adverse economic impact directly affecting small businesses and to consider specified factors when making this determination. The bill would also require, if a state agency makes an initial determination that the action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact affecting small business, to make a declaration to that effect in the notice of proposed action.

...This bill would, instead, require an agency to include, if the agency initially determines the regulation would have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact on small businesses, a final analysis containing specified information.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

THIS BILL WOULD REQUIRE STATE AGENCIES TO DETERMINE THE ADVERSE IMPACT OF REGULATIONS ON SMALL BUSINESSES *and consider reasonable alternatives for small businesses - including easier and simpler reporting requirements, use of performance standards, and regulatory exemptions.*

Please check one:

YES, I SUPPORT THIS BILL

NO, I OPPOSE THIS BILL

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