



Vote No on SB 1334

This legislation requires community colleges to adhere to the mandates of the state Business Enterprise Program. Significant new mandated reporting is comprised of monthly compliance plans and annual reports. Currently, the BEP applies to state agencies and universities – community college districts are not included because they are units of local government and are separate from the state. No other units of local government are included in the BEP.

SB 1334 creates goals for each community college to use 20% of its TOTAL budget (currently the BEP only touches state contracts funded exclusively with state funds) on minority and disabled vendors for each of the following personal services items in each community college district:

- Accounting
- Insurance
- Legal
- Information Technology
- Architectural/Engineering
- Banking/Investments

No disparity study been conducted to demonstrate quantitative evidence of disparity and availability in these specific sectors. Case law clearly demonstrates numerical goals must be substantially related to availability in the relevant market.

The ICCTA asks you to vote NO on SB 1334 for the following reasons:

1. SB 1334 is a significant unfunded mandate placed on local community colleges – requiring additional personnel in the face of additional budget cuts.
2. SB 1334 creates substantial new bureaucratic requirements for community college procurement for personal service contracts.
3. SB 1334 could impact the current use of consortia and compacts in which community colleges join to seek services at lower cost
4. SB 1334 limits the ability of locally elected boards to select professional service providers. Many colleges have a policy to favor in-district vendors since colleges receive local property tax dollars and tuition from local taxpayers.
5. SB 1334 sets goals of 20% minority participation for each category of professional services. Such goals would apply to all 39 community college districts with no distinction for location or availability of local minority certified service providers.

Please vote NO on SB 1334

For more information, contact:

Illinois Community College Trustees Association
or Tom Ryder 217-622-3092 tr@tomryder.net