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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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S. 2937 is the Governor's reorganization plan for the Executive Office for Administration and Finance. The legislation is filed under Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution and its adoption is therefore subject to a limited time frame as well as not being open to amendment by Committee or the General Court.

S. 2937 transfers the Supplier Diversity Office from the Operational Services Division and establishes the Supplier Diversity Office as an independent agency within the Executive Office for Administration and Finance.

The legislation is designed to empower the Supplier Diversity Office to be more responsive to the needs of minority, women, veteran, service-disabled veteran, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, and disability--owned businesses, as well as small Massachusetts businesses, and increase opportunities for these types of businesses to seek certification, information about supplier diversity programs, training, technical assistance, and capacity--building services.

The Committee finds that the plan to transfer and elevate the Supplier Diversity Office will improve the Commonwealth's support for minority, women, veteran, service-disabled veteran, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, and disability--owned businesses and will likely benefit all small businesses. For these reasons, the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight recommends the petition ought to be approved.

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