

Senators Proos, Colbeck, Booher, Green, Nofs and Robertson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 70.

A resolution to encourage the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget and other state agencies to utilize the Pure Michigan Business Connect as a resource to fill the state's procurement needs and stimulate Michigan's economy.

Whereas, Pure Michigan Business Connect was developed by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation as a public-private partnership aimed at facilitating and growing the procurement opportunities available to Michigan businesses. This program provides the resources for businesses to expand their supply chain, find new customers, connect with similar businesses through the program's business-to-business network, and receive low- or no-cost business aide, such as legal and accounting services. Moreover, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Pure Michigan Business Connect work to bring out-of-state opportunities to local Michigan businesses; and

Whereas, To invest in and provide services for the citizens of this state, the state of Michigan is a substantial buyer and consumer of goods and services, relying on the state's Department of Technology, Management, and Budget as their primary purchasing agent. These purchases provide billions of dollars annually to Michigan's economy, providing significant and predictable economic benefits and supply chain opportunities to Michigan businesses; and

Whereas, The Department of Technology, Management, and Budget uses a system of posting requests for proposals and requires businesses to bid on these open solicitations. To receive the greatest value per tax dollar, the department must seek the most competitive solicitation bids as possible; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we encourage the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget and other state agencies to coordinate with the Pure Michigan Business Connect system in order to best fill the state's procurement needs and stimulate Michigan's economy; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the director of the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget, and the president of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.