As Amended by Senate Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2596

By Representative Sweely

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AN ACT concerning the secretary of corrections; relating to the prison-made goods act of Kansas; permitting certain contracts for the production of manufactured or modular homes ***for a pilot program at the Hutchinson correctional facility***; **requiring that the secretary charge average rates for rent and wages** ***and require the private individual, corporation, partnership or association to pay all costs related to the project*** **for such contracts;** ***providing for a nationally recognized construction education certification program for participants of such pilot program; providing for an annual report by the secretary of corrections;*** amending K.S.A. 75-5275a and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 75-5275a is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-5275a. (a) ~~Notwithstanding any provision of the prison-made goods act of Kansas to the contrary~~ *Except as provided in subsection (b)*, the secretary shall not establish or maintain a home building program ~~which manufacturers~~ *that manufactures* or produces housing units ~~which~~ *that* would compete with the:

(1) (A) Manufactured homes or modular homes manufactured, assembled or sold by manufactured home manufacturers; or

(B) manufactured homes or modular homes sold by manufactured home dealers; or

(2) (A) modular homes manufactured, assembled or sold by modular home manufacturers; or

(B) modular homes sold by modular home dealers.

(b) *The provisions of* ~~*this section*~~ ***subsection (a)*** *shall not apply to:*

(1) The vocational building program; or

*(2) any contract authorized by K.S.A. 75-5275(c), and amendments thereto****, for a pilot program at the Hutchinson correctional facility as provided in subsection (c)****.*

(c) (1) The secretary may establish and maintain a pilot program that manufactures or produces housing units at the Hutchinson correctional facility. Any private individual, corporation, partnership or

association contracting with the secretary as a part of such pilot program shall provide a nationally recognized construction education certification program for participants and evaluate program success after participation and release.

(2) Such pilot program shall expire on December 31, 2029.

(3) **For any such contract, the secretary shall charge the regional average commercial rate for rent for the square footage used for the project and the regional average wage for labor, without allowance for any lesser training wage, for the skill level or levels used for the project.**

(4) For any such contract, the secretary shall require that the private individual, corporation, partnership or association pay all costs associated with the project including, but not limited to, utilities, project start-up costs, project training costs and project administrative costs.

(5) During each regular session of the legislature, the secretary of corrections shall submit a report to the committee on ways and means of the senate and the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives relating to any such contracts.

~~(c)~~***(d)*** As used in this section:

(1) "Manufactured home*,"*~~ has the meaning ascribed to such term by~~ *"manufactured home dealer," "manufactured home manufacturer" and "modular home" mean the same as defined in* K.S.A. 58-4202, and amendments thereto;

(2)~~ "manufactured home dealer" has the meaning ascribed to such term by K.S.A. 58-4202, and amendments thereto;~~

~~(3) "manufactured home manufacturer" has the meaning ascribed to such term by K.S.A. 58-4202, and amendments thereto;~~

~~(4) "modular home" has the meaning ascribed to such term by K.S.A. 58-4202, and amendments thereto; and~~

~~(5)~~ "secretary" means the secretary of corrections~~.~~*; and*

~~(6)~~*(3)* "vocational building program" means the vocational building program operated by the secretary to provide individual, freestanding buildings, not to exceed 1,000 square feet in size, to state agencies for use by such agencies.

~~(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a vocational building program.~~

~~(d)~~***(e)*** This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the prison-made goods act of Kansas.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-5275a is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.