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Bill Analysis

SB 1692 creates the Establishing Public-Private Partnership Office Act. The measure establishes the Office of Public-Private Partnerships, which shall report to the Governor. The Office shall be lead by a Director, who shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of 5 years. The Office is directed to identify potential public-private partnerships as well as approve a short-list of qualified proposers and projects. The measure authorizes the Director and relevant state agency heads to execute any contract for the provision of a public service or facility. The Director must provide to the Legislature and post online an annual report showing lists of the partnerships and actions taken by the Office within 6 weeks of the end of the fiscal year.

The Office shall select projects based on the partnership's potential to improve public operational efficiencies, improve environmental performance, promote public safety, attract private investment in this state and efficiently allocate risk. After the Office determines a partnership is feasible, notice of the partnership must be published 30 days prior to the deadline for submitting qualifications. A request for proposals shall then be made as well as an outline of the proposed partnership contract. The Office shall then conduct a public-sector comparator study of the potential partnership, which shall consider the issues outlined in the measure. Following the study, the Office shall use the results of the public sector comparator analysis to determine which public services and projects are appropriate for partnership. The Director shall then negotiate in good faith with identified entities to carry out the terms of the partnership.

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