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**SB-543 Department of General Services: nonprofit liaison.** (2021-2022)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2021–2022 REGULAR SESSION

**SENATE BILL**

**NO. 543**

**Introduced by Senator Limón**  
**(Coauthor: Assembly Member Luz Rivas)**

**February 18, 2021**

An act to add Article 15 (commencing with Section 11149) to Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 543, Limón. Department of General Services: nonprofit liaison.

Existing law establishes the Department of General Services within the Government Operations Agency under the control of an executive officer known as the Director of General Services to provide centralized services, including, but not limited to, planning, acquisition, construction, and maintenance of state buildings and property, purchasing, printing, architectural services, administrative hearings, and accounting services.

Existing law requires a state agency that significantly regulates or impacts small business to designate a person to serve as a small business liaison for the state agency, and specifies the duties of a small business liaison, including receiving and responding to complaints about the agency from small businesses and providing technical advice and assisting small businesses in resolving problems and questions regarding compliance with the agency's regulations and relevant statutes.

This bill would require the Department of General Services to designate a person to serve as a nonprofit liaison. The bill would require the department to advertise the existence of the nonprofit liaison on the department's internet website. The bill would

establish the responsibilities of a nonprofit liaison, including responding to complaints by nonprofit corporations about the department and assisting nonprofit corporations with complying with the department's regulations and relevant statutes. The bill would prohibit the nonprofit liaison from advocating for or against the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation, or intervening in a pending investigation or enforcement action.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

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## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Article 15 (commencing with Section 11149) is added to Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

### **Article 15. Nonprofit Liaison**

**11149.** (a) For purposes of this article:

(1) "Department" means the Department of General Services.

(2) "Nonprofit corporation" means a corporation organized under Part 2 (commencing with Section 5110) or Part 3 (commencing with Section 7110) of Division 2 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code.

(b) The department shall designate at least one person to serve as a nonprofit liaison.

(c) The department shall advertise the existence of its designated nonprofit liaison by displaying the nonprofit liaison's name and contact information on the department's internet website.

(d) A nonprofit liaison shall be responsible for all of the following:

(1) Responding to complaints from nonprofit corporations about the department.

(2) Providing technical assistance to nonprofit corporations to help them comply with the department's regulations.

(3) Reporting nonprofit corporation concerns and recommendations to the Director of General Services.

(4) Developing and sharing innovative procurement and contracting practices to increase opportunities for nonprofit corporations.

(e) The nonprofit liaison shall not advocate for or against the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation, or intervene in a pending investigation or enforcement action.