

COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

BILL NO. 36-0329

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

July 21, 2026

An act amending title 31 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23, by adding section 236c providing that contractors and subcontractors who have executed contracts with the Government of the Virgin Islands for disaster recovery projects must give first priority for procurement of goods, services, or equipment to licensed local contractors, equipment providers and heavy equipment operators

PROPOSED BY: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 31 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23 is amended by adding the following section 236c:

“§236c. All contractors and subcontractors who have executed contracts with the Government of the Virgin Islands for any disaster recovery project paid for with federal funds or with money from the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands shall give first priority for procurement of goods, services, or equipment to local contractors, equipment providers and heavy equipment operators who are licensed by the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs and are in good standing.”

BILL SUMMARY

This bill requires all contractors and subcontractors who have executed contracts with the Government of the Virgin Islands for disaster recovery projects to give first priority for procurement of goods, services, or equipment to licensed local contractors, equipment providers and heavy equipment operators.

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