

HCS#2 HB 735 -- STATE BUILDINGS

SPONSOR: Deeken (Cooper, 158)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Government Affairs by a vote of 5 to 0.

This substitute changes the laws regarding the requirements for designing, constructing, and managing state buildings and allows the Governor to sell certain state property.

The Second State Capitol Commission is allowed to control copyrights and trademarks for any photograph, written work, art object, or any product created of the Capitol or Capitol grounds by granting access or use of the work. Any money received must be deposited into the Capitol Commission Fund to be used for repairs, refurbishment, or creation of decorations or adornments for the Capitol or its grounds. The substitute renames the Division of Facilities Management to the Division of Facilities Management, Design, and Construction and expands its responsibilities to include the supervision of any design, construction, renovation, or repair of state facilities. An open bidding process will be used for all projects in excess of \$100,000. For projects costing between \$25,000 and \$100,000, a minimum of three contractors must be solicited with the contract awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder. The commission is authorized to award multiple projects to a single firm if it is in the best interest of the state.

The Governor is authorized to sell a piece of state property located in Nodaway County belong to Northwest Missouri State University.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill improves the operating efficiency of the state's Division of Facilities Management by removing duplication of statutory requirements and eliminating administrative costs. The bill gives the division more freedom to bid contracts providing the state with lower overall costs on nonconstruction contracts.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cooper (158); Division of Facilities Management, Office of Administration; and American Institute of Architects of Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.