

HB 735 -- Management of State Buildings

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This bill changes the laws regarding the requirements for designing, constructing, and managing state buildings.

The Second State Capitol Commission is allowed to control copyrights and trademarks for any photograph, written work, art object, or any product created on the Capitol or Capitol grounds by granting access or use of the work. Any money received must be directed to the Capitol Commission Fund to be used for repairs, refurbishment, or creation of decorations or adornments for the Capitol or its grounds. The bill 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.