HCS SB 322 -- CONSTRUCTION-RELATED ACTIVITIES

This bill changes the laws regarding commercial zones and the requirements for designing, constructing, and managing state buildings. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Establishes a commercial zone east of the city limits of Missouri City along State Highway 210 and northwest from the intersection of State Highway 210 and State Highway 10 to include the boundaries of the City of Excelsior Springs;

(2) Extends the commercial zone surrounding the City of St. Louis from 18 to 25 miles beyond its corporate city limits and throughout St. Louis and St. Charles counties;

(3) Extends the commercial zone of the City of Festus inJefferson County south from the city limits along U. S. Highway61 to the intersection of State Route OO in St. Genevieve County;

(4) Prohibits any motor vehicle from operating in the commercial zone of the City of St. Joseph with a weight greater than 22,400 pounds on one axle or a height over 15 feet;

(5) Allows the Second State Capitol Commission 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;

(6) 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;

(7) Requires that an open bidding process 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;

(8) Prohibits the total expenditure per project on job order contracts from exceeding \$300,000; and

(9) Specifies that the provisions of Sections 8.285 - 8.291, RSMo, on contracts for architectural, engineering, and land surveying services will not apply to any political subdivision which adopts a qualification-based selection procedure commensurate with state policy.