

HB 629 -- PORT AUTHORITY EXPENDITURES

SPONSOR: Miller

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0 and 2 present.

This bill excludes professional services from the requirement that port authority expenditures over \$25,000 must be competitively bid. Contracts for architectural, engineering and land surveying may be negotiated on the basis of demonstrated competence, qualifications, and cost.

This bill is the same as HB 1760 (2016).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that professional services should not be competitively bid to insure qualified personnel.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Miller; American Council of Engineering Companies Of Missouri; and the American Institute of Architects of Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.