

HB 1686 -- STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX COMMITTEE

SPONSOR: Trent

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Government Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill establishes the "State Capitol Complex Commission" which will consist of the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tem of the Senate, or their respective designated representatives. The commission must have general supervision and charge of the State Capitol Building, State Capitol parking garages, and any other current or future state-owned or leased buildings adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of the State Capitol Building that house any offices of the General Assembly or its staff. The commission must meet at least annually and may hold a special meeting when requested by at least two of the commission members. Majority approval of the members of the commission is necessary to decide any action regarding the buildings or property under the purview of the commission.

This bill is the same as HB 884 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will allow the legislature to have some influence over the use and repair of the Capitol building. Elected officials can be responsive to the needs of employees and the general public while also encouraging necessary historic preservation.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Trent.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.