



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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As the Public Works Director for the City of Grandview, we strive to deliver capital improvement projects to our citizens in the most productive and cost effective ways possible. This bill provides for Progressive Design Build as another "tool in our toolbox" to deliver a safer and better infrastructure to our residents and businesses.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOE PERRY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I intend to testify in person in support.

**Cost savings to tax payers.** I have seen projects move faster and cost less over years when we start and finish projects with the same design and construction team with proper off-ramps built in if for some reason the DB team becomes a bad fit for the project. Too often projects have the “re-spend” fees to bring a new team up to speed that the preceding phase of work on the same project had already learned and therefore by switching teams we lose that institutional project knowledge.

**Time savings on projects for tight funding timeframes.** I have working on projects where we could swoop in and utilize expiring federal and state funding on projects that without DB we would not be able to spend the dollars within the “spend by” dates of the grant.



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Chairman, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee:

My name is Mechelle Bliss, and I serve as Vice President of the Design-Build Institute of America Mid-America Region. Thank you for the opportunity to testify my support of House Bill 2474.

DBIA MAR represents approximately 400 design and construction professionals throughout Missouri, along with about 15 public entities. Our organization is dedicated to advancing collaborative project delivery methods that improve cost certainty, reduce risk, and deliver better outcomes for public owners and taxpayers.

Currently, larger home rule cities have access to Progressive Design-Build authority and have active projects. However, many smaller communities across Missouri do not. HB 2474 simply provides those smaller political subdivisions with equal access to the same delivery option.

This bill does not require anyone to use Progressive Design-Build. It simply expands a proven tool so that local governments can determine what method best fits their project needs. For many rural or smaller communities with limited staff and resources, early collaboration and cost transparency can significantly reduce financial uncertainty and project delays.

Providing equitable access to modern project delivery methods strengthens infrastructure development statewide and promotes responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

For these reasons, DBIA Mid-America Region respectfully supports House Bill 2474 and encourages the Committee to advance this legislation.  
 Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Mechelle Bliss**  
 Vice President DBIA-MAR  
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**I am Opposed to this Bill at this time. This Bill will delay projects greatly and will cost additional money for all Political Subdivisions. The Fiscal Note is unknown and cannot be determined.**



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The General Assembly is placed on notice that expanding design-build and progressive design-build authority without mandatory independent oversight or clear applicability thresholds materially increases discretion in public contracting and correspondingly increases exposure to bid protests, procurement disputes, audit findings, and claims of arbitrary or unequal application of selection criteria.

Removal of existing guardrails—particularly where competitive bidding requirements historically protected taxpayers—may invite litigation alleging lack of uniform standards, improper evaluation processes, or failure to ensure meaningful competition.

Enactment without defined transparency safeguards and independent review mechanisms may therefore result in heightened legal and financial risk to political subdivisions and the state.