

HCS SB 389 -- STATE AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS

SPONSOR: Silvey (McCaherty)

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill prohibits the Commissioner of the Office of Administration from awarding points on a request for proposal for a contract license office to a bidder for a return-to-the-state provision offer. The Director of the Department of Revenue must follow the bidding procedures provided by law and establish the rules necessary to implement the procedures.

Specified 501(c)(4) federally tax exempt organizations may be given priority in the competitive bidding process with special consideration granted to organizations that reinvest at least 75% of net proceeds in Missouri charitable organizations.

The bill also exempts specified financial documents and contract relating to convention centers and related facilities owned or operated by a regional convention and visitors commission from the open records laws under Chapter 610, RSMo, commonly known as the Sunshine Law.

The bill contains an emergency clause for the fee office bidding procedure sections.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will create a fair process for awarding fee office contracts and will stop conflict of interest involving the awarding of points for increases in state revenues. Charities will receive special consideration which should benefit Missouri.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Silvey and Sheltered Workshops.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say they would prefer a technical amendment to change a reference from section to chapter.

Testifying on the bill was State Of Missouri - Office Of Administration.