

HB 1577 -- CAPITOL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE

SPONSOR: Higdon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Government by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill establishes the Commission on Capitol Security Infrastructure which shall consist of the Governor, the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or their designated representatives.

The Commission will be responsible for the general supervision and charge of certain state-owned buildings that house any offices of the General Assembly or its staff and the employment and supervision of the Missouri Capitol police officers.

This bill is the same as HB 776 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the hiring of capitol police would be at the direction of the new commission, and there is a benefit to narrowing oversight to one entity.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Higdon.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.