

HCS HB 2140 -- PUBLIC PURCHASING CONTRACTS

SPONSOR: Haefner

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Government Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 10 to 3.

This bill allows state offices, departments, boards, commissions, bureaus, political subdivisions, agencies, and other institutions to purchase supplies under a cooperative purchasing agreement from certain authorized General Services Administration vendors without regard to competitive bid limits under Section 34.040, RSMo. The Office of Administration maintains oversight and can use cooperative purchasing agreements whenever they are advantageous to the state.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will save the state money and allow more efficient purchasing of supplies. Federal agencies carefully screen vendors so that we can have confidence that they are reputable.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Haefner; World Wide Technology- on behalf Of David Steward.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.