

HB 2263 -- COMPETITIVE BIDDING

SPONSOR: Curtman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill changes the exception limit to the competitive bidding rules under Section 34.040, RSMo, from purchases equal to or less than \$3000 to a new \$10,000 limit. It also increases the expenditure limit for purchases that require special notice, advertising, and solicitation requirements by the Commissioner of Administration from projects estimated at \$25,000 or more to those projects estimated at \$100,000 or more.

The commissioner of administration is authorized to hold a reverse auction to procure merchandise, supplies, and raw materials.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that these changes will save the state a lot of money.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Curtman and the Office of Administration.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say these thresholds were put in place in 1995.

Testifying on the bill was Doug Crews, Missouri Press Association.