

HCS HB 2332 -- SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRACTS

SPONSOR: Corlew

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, any school district authorizing the construction of facilities that may cost more than \$15,000 must advertise in a newspaper and comply with certain bidding requirements. This bill increases that threshold to \$50,000.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that in many districts, advertising in the local newspaper can be quite costly; and in districts with many projects the total cost of the advertising and bidding process for all projects that are over \$15,000 but under \$50,000 can itself exceed \$50,000.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Corlew; Tammy Henderson, North Kansas City Schools; and the Missouri School Administrators Coalition.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.