

HB 2453 -- PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTORS

SPONSOR: Austin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill expands the definition of "contractor" as used in the law requiring contractors on public works projects to provide a security bond to the public entity. The expanded definition now includes persons or entities who arrange for construction services either by performing the services or subcontracting with others to do so.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that concurrently a construction manager/adviser is not required to get a bond and this bill conforms the statute to keep up with common contracting practices.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Austin; American Insurance Association; Fidelity Insurance of America; and Missouri Insurance Coalition.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.