

HCS SCS SB 167 -- PUBLIC WORKS BONDING REQUIREMENTS

This bill expands the definitions of "contractor" and "public works" as used in the law requiring contractors on public works projects to provide a security bond to the public entity. The expanded definition of "contractor" includes any person who provides or arranges for construction services to a public entity under a contract with a private entity representing the public entity and "public works" includes projects even if the work is to be used for nongovernmental purposes.

The bill also specifies that public entities must require the security bond for public works in their names or when requiring private entities to enter into contracts for the works and that the bond must also cover labor for work performed by a supplier at any tier. Once a bond is provided, the filing of a mechanic's lien under Chapter 429, RSMo is prohibited by any subcontractor or supplier.