

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE, LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Hutton at 1:30 pm on Thursday, March 05, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Marvin KleeB – Excused

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department

Linda Herrick, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

JarroD Mann, American Council of Engineering Companies;

Elaine Frisby, Vice President, Finance and Administration, Kansas Board of Regents;

Mike Gibson, Associated General Contractors

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2395 — State building projects; negotiating committees; alternative procurement.

Chairperson Hutton opened the hearing on this bill. Chuck Reimer, Revisor of Statutes, gave an overview.

JarroD Mann, American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) provided proponent testimony ([Attachment 1](#)). He explained the bill increases the threshold at which a negotiating committee must be convened in procuring professional design services. He added the current threshold has been in place for almost a decade and no longer is reflective of today's economy. ACEC agrees with this section of the bill.

The second change provides for amendments to the requirements for advertising of projects and public hearings, and ACEC is neutral.

There were no questions.

Elaine Frisby, Kansas Board of Regents, testified ([Attachment 2](#)) as a proponent of the bill explaining the bill will save the Board of Regents time and money associated with advertising and the waiting period for a hearing.

Mike Gibson, AGC, provided verbal comments (no testimony submitted) in opposition to the bill. He noted he agrees with the threshold increase, but opposes deleting the public hearing.

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There was no neutral testimony.

As for the fiscal note, the Department of Administration indicates there would be no fiscal effect on agency operations if this bill were enacted. The Kansas Board of Regents, at this point, cannot estimate a fiscal effect or any administrative savings by state universities if the bill were enacted.

The hearing on this bill was closed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.