

Halting Docking Demolition and Energy Service Center Construction; SB 250

SB 250 removes the requirement the Secretary of Administration provide a monthly progress report to the Joint Committee on State Building Construction regarding progress on existing projects.

Additionally, the bill bars any agency from expending funds to demolish the Docking State Office Building (Docking) or to reconstruct, relocate, or renovate the power plant or Energy Service Center. The bill further bars any agency from selling, leasing, transferring, or otherwise conveying the land on which Docking is located for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

The bill appropriates a new special revenue fund within the Department of Administration to make payments to the Kansas Development Finance Authority and the McCarthy Building Companies to terminate the lease agreement and the construction contract. The bill grants authority to the Secretary of Administration to transfer from the State General Fund or any special revenue fund in which the proceeds of the lease agreement are deposited the amount necessary to effectuate these terminations. The transfer of funds is contingent upon the receipt of a written release stating the transfer satisfied all claims against the State.

The bill repeals the portions of the 2015 appropriations bill that authorized the Department of Administration to demolish Docking and build the new Energy Service Center and sets the expenditure authority from the Docking State Office Building Rehab, Repair and Razing Fund to zero. (This veto was sustained.)