

HB 1633 -- STATE PURCHASING OF COMMODITIES

SPONSOR: Franklin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of the Office of Administration to hold reverse auctions for the purchase of specific commodities. These auctions are limited to purchases of large quantities of highly standardized, readily available commodities.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill is a way for the state to get the most economical price on large quantities of commodities. Currently, all bids must be opened at the same time, which prohibits reverse auction. This change in the law would allow, in limited circumstances, the state to do a reverse auction in order to get the best price for large quantities where there are no subjective criteria to consider, there is no question what we are buying.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Franklin and Office of Administration.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.