

SCS HCS HB 1713 -- WATER SYSTEMS

(Vetoed by Governor)

This bill authorizes any political subdivision to use a design-build contractor for wastewater and water treatment projects. The Department of Economic Development is required to consider design-build wastewater or water treatment projects when disbursing grants under the Community Development Block Grant program.

The Department of Natural Resources is prohibited from precluding design-build contracts from being considered for funding from the Water and Wastewater Loan Fund.

The bill modifies the term "water resource project" to mean a project containing planning, design, construction, or renovation of public water supply, flood control storage, or treatment or transmission facilities for public water supply. The bill changes the name of the "Multipurpose Water Resource Program Renewable Water Program Fund" to the "Multipurpose Water Resource Program Fund." The Department of Natural Resources is required to establish rules by which water resource project sponsors can remit contributions to the fund. Any plan submitted to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction of a water resource project must include a schedule, proposed by the sponsor, to remit contributions back to the fund. The contributions are to be used to administer the fund and to provide financial assistance under the Multipurpose Water Resource Program.

The bill requires public water systems under Chapter 640, RSMo, and water supply districts under Chapter 247 to notify the Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Natural Resources, and its customers, at least 90 days prior to any meeting held at which a vote to modify the fluoridation of water in the system or district will occur. If the water system is an investor-owned water supply, the entity calling for the modifications is responsible for the meeting and the notice requirements.

The bill also makes changes to the member requirements of the Clean Water Commission.

The Department of Natural Resources must provide any municipality or community currently served by a wastewater treatment system with information regarding options to upgrade the existing lagoon system to meet discharge requirements. The information must include available advanced technologies including biological treatment options. The municipality or community, or a third party it hires, may conduct an analysis, including feasibility and cost, of available options to meet the discharge requirements. If upgrading

or expanding the existing system is feasible, cost effective and will meet the discharge requirements, the department must allow the entity to implement the option.

This bill contains an emergency clause.