

HCS HB 122 & 80 -- KANSAS CITY MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Johnson (47)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 18 to 0.

This substitute revises provisions pertaining to the public mass transportation system sales tax for Kansas City.

A portion of the public mass transportation system sales tax used to fund the expenses and operating costs of the Interstate Transportation Authority and the public mass transportation system will expire on December 31, 2003. The substitute changes the expiration date to December 31, 2005.

The substitute also adds "intra-community transit services" to the list of services that are provided by the Interstate Transportation Authority and funded by the tax.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Income to General Revenue Fund of \$139,366 in FY 2004, \$281,519 in FY 2005, and \$142,167 in FY 2006.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that without this tax Kansas City would have no bus or transit service. The bill also will allow the support of transportation in the greater Kansas City Metro area. Kansas City is already supporting metropolitan service and this will just clarify what is being done. The bill only extends a current tax.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Johnson (47); Kansas City Area Transit Authority; Greater Kansas City Area Chamber of Commerce; and City of Kansas City.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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