HCS HB 356 -- PRODUCT SALES BY YOUTH SERVICES

SPONSOR: Kelly, 144 (Smith, 118)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Corrections and State Institutions by a vote of 14 to 0.

This substitute allows the Division of Youth Services to sell products produced by youths in the custody of the division. The sale price of these products may exceed the actual cost of materials used in the production by no more than 10%. All proceeds will be placed in the Missouri Youth Services Production Fund, which is created in the substitute, to purchase additional materials and tools.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Effect on Youth Services Products Fund of \$0 in FY 2004, FY 2005, and FY 2006.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this is a great program for youth offenders. It gives them the opportunity to learn a trade and develop a work ethic. The main problem is that by selling their products at cost, they are unable to replenish necessary materials to continue production. The bill would allow them to do so.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Smith (118).

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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