HCS HB 947 -- ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

SPONSOR: Johnson, 47 (Crawford)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 17 to 0.

This substitute adds Cameron, Boonville, and Kirksville to the cities which may order the abatement of weeds or trash when allowed to grow or accumulate more than once during a season or year in violation of an ordinance. The cost of removal may be billed on a special tax bill to be remitted to the collector with other taxes assessed against the property.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill helps clean up cities and stops the offender's ability to play games due to the current notice provisions.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Crawford, Guest, and Behnen; City of Boonville; and City of Cameron.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill provided informational testimony.

Others testifying on the bill was Missouri Municipal League.

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