HB 1634 -- MILITARY DISCHARGE RECORDS

SPONSOR: Behnen

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

This bill provides that all images of military discharge records older than 75 years are deemed principally of historical or genealogical interest and will be open records.

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will make it easier for researchers and historians to access these records.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Behnen; Office of Secretary of State; and Missouri Veterans Commission.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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