

SCS SB 258 -- COUNTY HEALTH CENTERS

SPONSOR: Koster (Baker, 123)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 15 to 0.

This substitute allows the county commission in Cass and Cooper counties to submit a proposal to levy a tax to operate a county health center to a public vote. Currently, this issue can only be submitted for voter approval by initiative petition.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that Cass County has had an unusual amount of growth in the last 10 years, and the bill will better allow the county to address the health needs of its residents.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Koster.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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