

HCS HB 1440 -- CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS AND TREATMENT

SPONSOR: Sutherland

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

This substitute provides for a checkoff on the Missouri individual and corporate income tax forms for donations for cervical cancer awareness and treatment. Moneys collected will be used by the Department of Health and Senior Services to provide information on cervical cancer, early detection, testing and prevention; to collect statistical information on cervical cancer; and to provide services and funding for early detection, testing, and prevention.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Income on General Revenue Fund of Unknown in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009. No impact on Other State Funds. Unknown income and costs are assumed to net to \$0.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill creates funding that will help women prevent cervical cancer and provide some treatment. The check-off funding is not intended to replace any other programs that currently exist. The more funding for education about the disease, the better it can be prevented. The current program receives \$3.3 million in federal funds and no state moneys.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Sutherland; Rebecca Lynn, M.D.; Department of Health and Senior Services; Missouri State Medical Association; and American Cancer Society.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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