

HCS HB 872 -- UTILICARE PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Emery (Cooper, 158)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Utilities by a vote of 7 to 0.

This substitute allows and encourages individuals receiving utilicare assistance to attend financial management and energy conservation workshops. The workshops will be conducted by community action agencies.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will encourage sound financial and energy conservation practices without imposing a mandatory burden on utilicare recipients.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cooper (158); and Missouri Association for Community Action.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that the bill's substitute is perfectly acceptable.

Testifying on the bill was Laclede Gas Company.