SB 162 -- CLAIMS FOR INCOME TAX REFUNDS

SPONSOR: Vogel (Deeken)

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

This bill changes the definition of "state agency" as it relates to intercepting income tax refunds to include housing authorities created by Section 99.020, RSMo.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Costs on General Revenue Fund of \$31,788 in FY 2008, \$32,248 in FY 2009, and \$33,216 in FY 2010. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that redefining "state agency" will give housing authorities the same power state agencies have in claiming tax refunds owed delinquent tenants of the housing authorities. The tax refunds will be used to satisfy unpaid tenant debts for housing.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Vogel.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.