

HCS SB 218 -- REGIONAL RECREATIONAL DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Graham (Deeken)

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

This substitute authorizes the governing body of Boone County to have exclusive control over the expenditures and operation of a regional recreational district located only in that county on land owned solely by the county.

The substitute also repeals language specifically permitting legally authorized representatives of landowners to serve on the board of directors of a community improvement district in the City of Springfield. Currently, this membership is already allowed statewide.

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill allows Boone County to create a regional recreation district for the purpose of building soccer and athletic fields for local youth and will allow the governing body of the county to control expenditures and supervise, improve, and care for the recreational district since there will be no property owners residing in the district.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Graham; County of Boone; and Husch and Eppenberger.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.