

HCS HB 1380 -- SENIOR CITIZENS' SERVICES

SPONSOR: Nance (Sater)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Senior Citizen Advocacy by a vote of 9 to 0.

This substitute allows a board of directors, formed under a Senior Citizens' Services Fund tax, to allocate moneys to senior-related programs for operational and capital needs from the property taxes collected. To be eligible, the program must be operated by a community facility that provides health, social, educational, and recreational services to adults 60 years of age or older.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill provides statutory authority to the tax boards established by the Senior Citizens' Services Fund to allocate money to senior centers and other senior-related programs. The tax boards are already allocating funds to senior centers, but the bill ensures the legality of the practice.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Sater.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.