HB 1705 -- SEWER SUBDISTRICTS IN CASS COUNTY

SPONSOR: Molendorp

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Rural Community Development by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill authorizes an alternative procedure for issuing bonds for a common sewer subdistrict partially or completely located in Cass County by allowing the subdistrict to issue bonds if it receives written approval from three-quarters of the customers of the subdistrict. Currently, the bonds can only be issued upon a four-sevenths majority approval of the voters of the subdistrict.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will allow an alternate procedure for issuing bonds for a rural, unincorporated area to provide sanitary sewer service to future residential and commercial areas by reducing the required percentage of voter approval.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Molendorp; and John Reece, Little Blue Valley Sewer District.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.