

HCS HB 2070 -- JOINT CENTRAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY DISPATCHING
SERVICES TAXES (Kelly)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Public Safety

Currently, funds collected from a central fire and emergency dispatching services tax must be used solely for the purpose of establishing and providing the joint services except in St. Louis County where the funds are used for equipment and services by cities, towns, villages, counties, or fire protection districts which contract with the joint central fire and emergency dispatching service except for salaries, wages, and benefits. This substitute specifies that all funds derived from the tax, including any existing surplus funds, may be used by any city, town, village, county, or fire protection district or a central fire and emergency service board for these purposes.

The substitute authorizes fire protection districts in Jefferson County that have levied property taxes under Section 321.243, RSMo, and imposed any communications tax for central fire and emergency dispatching services to use, upon voter approval, the property tax revenue for general revenue purposes.

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