

HCS HB 1058 -- ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO CONTROL TRUST FUND

SPONSOR: Higdon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 14 to 1.

This bill creates the Alcohol and Tobacco Control Trust Fund, consisting of any fees collected by the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control within the Department of Public Safety under the Liquor Control Law that are not required to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund as specified in Chapter 311, RSMo, to be used to support the division for the administration and regulation of the liquor control and tobacco laws.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill is needed because an adequately funded Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control serves the industry and consumers as well as keeps the public safer.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Higdon and Missouri Beer Wholesalers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES: Others testifying on the bill say they are in support of the bill as long as this issue does not become a fee increase but stays in appropriations. A priority for funding is upgrading the division's technology.

Others testifying were Missouri Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association and Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control.