

HCS HB 1237 -- NONRESIDENT ENTERTAINER INCOME TAXES

SPONSOR: Hoskins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 23 to 0.

This bill extends the allocations of state income tax revenues collected from nonresident entertainers and athletes to the Missouri Arts Council Trust Fund, Missouri Humanities Council Trust Fund, Missouri State Library Networking Fund, Missouri Public Television Broadcasting Corporation Special Fund, and Missouri Historic Preservation Revolving Fund from December 31, 2015, to December 31, 2020. The revenues must be subject to appropriations.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the tax revenues collected under the bill support cultural education throughout the state. Extending the tax on nonresident entertainers and athletes will help fund these efforts at the necessary level.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hoskins; Carol Gregg, Missouri Arts Council and Missouri Citizens for the Arts; Geoff Gilierano, Humanity Council; Missouri Library Association; University of Central Missouri; and Office of the Secretary of State.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that sporting facilities and teams bring in a majority of the tax revenue but are not provided any of the proceeds for cultural activities at the facilities.

Testifying against the bill was Kansas City Chiefs Football Club.