

HCS HB 1257 -- ROADBLOCK DATA COLLECTION

SPONSOR: Wilson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill prohibits law enforcement agencies and employees of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from establishing a voluntary roadside checkpoint or roadblock pattern to collect breath, blood, or saliva samples from motorists. These provisions do not apply to lawfully established roadside sobriety checkpoints.

PROPONENTS: Supporters of the bill say that law enforcement should not be able to conduct voluntary stops that the public assumes are mandatory traffic stops. We want to respect our officers.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wilson; Chief Larry Anthony Kirk; and Missouri Family Network.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.