

HCS HB 1710 -- NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION TRUST FUND

SPONSOR: Davis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill authorizes, for all years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, each individual or corporation that is entitled to a tax refund to designate a portion or all of the refund amount due to the newly created Missouri National Guard Foundation Trust Fund. The minimum designation must be \$1 on a single return and \$2 on a combined return. If an individual or corporation is not entitled to a tax refund, a contribution can be sent by a separate check or draft designated for the fund. Moneys collected under these provisions must be used solely, upon appropriation, for the administration of the Missouri National Guard Foundation.

The provisions of the bill will expire December 31, 2020.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will provide funding for long-range services for those veterans who have developed mental issues.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Davis; Missouri National Guard; and Dewey Riehn, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.