

HCS HB 488 -- DONATE FOOD TAX CREDIT

SPONSOR: Dunn

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 13 to 0.

Currently, a taxpayer may receive an income tax credit for donation of cash or food to any local food pantry. This bill specifies that food includes any food intended for human consumption including meat processed at a processing plant, eggs, milk, or an agricultural crop or farm products sold at a farmer's market.

This bill is the same as HB 2804 (2016).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill expands the food items that can be donated to a food pantry for a tax credit to allow healthier choices at food pantries. Acceptable food donations include staples like eggs and milk, healthy fruits and vegetables grown on local farms, and protein sources such as venison.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dunn; Missouri Soybean Association; and Kansas City Healthy Kids.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that the food pantries determine what to accept or reject and issues the credit letter.

Testifying on the bill was Mark Suttman, Department of Revenue.