

HB 618 -- CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND

SPONSOR: Curtis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Urban Issues by a vote of 3 to 2.

This bill prohibits funds in the St. Louis County Community Children's Services Fund from being transferred by the Children's Services Fund Board to the state or to St. Louis County.

This bill is the same as HB 2640 and HB 2357 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the county already has dedicated funds and this is akin to double taxation.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Curtis.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say it would take away some of the board's power and have a very substantial negative impact on the Kathy J. Weiman Center. The unintended consequences would outweigh any benefits.

Testifying on the bill were Connie Cunningham, St. Louis County Children's Service Fund and the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.