

HB 811 -- PORT AUTHORITY MANUFACTURING ZONES

SPONSOR: Ruth

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Consent and Procedure by a vote of 8 to 3.

This bill allows port authorities to establish an advanced industrial manufacturing zone on property they control and to expand such zones by resolution.

This bill is the same as SB 302 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill corrects some small problems with legislation passed last year by granting port authorities power to expand manufacturing zones where needed. The bill could result in tax credit benefits for the creation of new jobs in these manufacturing zones and improve employment options for workers in several counties.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ruth; Rodney Byrd, St. Louis City Port Authority; Burns & McDonnell; City of Kansas City; Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; Mark Colter, Missouri Port Authority; and City of Kansas City.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.