HCS HB 1116 -- SHOPPING BAGS

SPONSOR: Shaul (113)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Economic Development by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 1.

This bill preempts any political subdivision from imposing any ban, fee, or tax upon the use of auxiliary containers including paper or plastic bags and other materials as defined in the bill. However, this bill does not apply to the use of auxiliary containers on county or city property, or any political subdivision's ordinance or agreement regarding recycling or solid waste disposal.

This bill is similar to HB 722 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill prevents a patchwork of plastic bag and other container regulations that would be overly burdensome on small businesses.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Shaul.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.