

HCS SB 302 -- LOCAL ENTERPRISE ZONES

SPONSOR: Wieland (Ruth)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill allows port authorities to establish an advanced industrial manufacturing zone on property they control and to expand such zones by resolution. Certain professional expenditures are exempt from competitive bidding requirements, but regulated under Sections 8.285 and 8.291, RSMo.

An existing ad valorem tax exemption under Section 135.963 is reauthorized for enterprise zones for a period no longer than 25 years.

This bill is similar to HB 811 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is a great economic development tool and will result in more jobs and greater trade on the Mississippi River.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Wieland; Missouri Department of Transportation; Port Authority of Kansas City; Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; Katie Gamble, City of Kansas City; Hunt Midwest; and the Missouri Port Authority Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.