

HCS SCS SB 355 -- ROAD SIGNS

SPONSOR: Romine (Alferman)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0.

ROAD SIGNS AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

This bill allows two-year educational institutions to use the same rules and regulations for direction road signs as other colleges and universities (Section 226.520, RSMo).

This bill exempts the current \$250 outdoor advertising fee and biennial inspection fee for certain highway signs under Section 226.550, RSMo when a sign is displayed by a landowner who also owns the business advertised on the sign and where the business has a physical location within 750 feet of the sign (Section 226.550).

The bill states that on nonfreeway primary highways where there is an unzoned commercial or industrial area on one side of the road, as specified in the bill, the unzoned commercial or industrial area shall also include the land located on the opposite side of the highway that is the same dimensions to the extent of the same dimensions (Section 226.540).

MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

The bill designates a portion of Interstate 55 in Jefferson County as the "USMA Cadet Thomas M. Surdyke Memorial Highway" (Section 227.447).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will allow two-year colleges and universities to maintain and replace the same size directional road signs as other institutions of education and that it has no cost to the state.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Romine; Metropolitan Community College; and the Missouri Community College Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.