

HCS HB 1396 -- AUXILIARY CONTAINERS

SPONSOR: Shaul (113)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 6 to 3.

This bill preempts any political subdivision from imposing any restriction, tax, or prohibition 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 1116 (2017).

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 were Representative Shaul; Phil Rozinski, Novolex; Missouri Grocers Association; Missouri Retailers Association; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and the Missouri Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that local governments should have the ability to regulate the use of paper or plastic bags.

Testifying against the bill were Sierra Club, Missouri Chapter, and the Missouri Recycling Association.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that they are available to answer any questions.

Testifying on the bill was Missouri Municipal League.