

HCS HB 1618 -- CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TAKE BACK

SPONSOR: Barnes (60)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill allows unused controlled substances to be accepted from the public through collection receptacles, drug disposal boxes, and other means provided through drug take back programs by a Drug Enforcement Agency authorized collector in accordance with federal regulations, regardless of whether or not the authorized collector originally dispensed the drug. This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to develop an education and awareness program about drug disposal.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

This bill is similar to SB 826 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help get prescription drugs off the street. The goal is to allow collection in as many places as possible to make it easy for people to dispose of unused prescription drugs. There are pharmacies that would like to set up collection boxes but currently Missouri law prevents them from accepting unused medication that was not originally dispensed by them.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Barnes; Missouri Association Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons; Missouri Pharmacy Association; Missouri Association of Rural Health Clinics; Consumer Healthcare Products Association; Wayne Lee; Missouri State Medical Association; Pfizer Inc.; PhRMA; Biotechnology Innovation Organization; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City; America's Health Insurance Plans; Missouri Insurance Coalition; Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; Carpenters Council of St. Louis and Kansas City; and Walgreens.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.