

HB 1847 -- SCHOOL OPERATING LEVY

SPONSOR: Kidd

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill authorizes a school board to remove its district's operating levy from the definition of levies that are subject to tax increment allocation financing for redevelopment projects pursuant to Section 99.845, RSMo.

The bill specifies that a district's operating levy will be removed from the definition if a two-thirds majority of the school board votes in favor after permitting public comment on the matter at two consecutive school board meetings.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that under current law municipalities control the process for making a decision that has a large impact on schools' property tax revenue. This bill gives the schools some control.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kidd; Missouri National Education Association; Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City; Andrew Underwood, Belton Public School District #124; Missouri School Boards Association; and the School Administrators Coalition.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.