

HB 1977 -- WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SYSTEM GRANTS

SPONSOR: Redmon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill increases the potential grant amount administered by the Department of Natural Resources for the benefit of public water supply districts, sewer districts, rural community water or sewer systems, or municipal sewer systems. The current grant limitation of \$1,400 per water connection is increased to \$3,000 per connection.

This bill is the same as SB 659 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the amount of the grant has not been increased since 1989. This bill would allow more small communities to use the grant by increasing the allowable amount to reflect the increase in costs in the last 30 years.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Redmon and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.