

HB 2039 -- ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Fraker

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill creates the Missouri Route 66 Centennial Commission composed of 18 members who reflect the interests, history and importance of the communities along Route 66 in Missouri. Of the 18 members, the commission includes two members appointed by the Speaker and two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The duties of the commission are to plan and sponsor official Route 66 centennial events, programs and activities, to encourage the development of programs designed to involve citizens in commemorative activities and events, and to make available public information about commemorative events happening throughout the state. Before June 30, 2027, a final report on the commission's activities must be delivered to the Governor and the commission will dissolve on that date.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would create a commission to help celebrate the centennial and the importance of Route 66 to Missouri and the nation. Missouri is home to the remaining stretch of Route 66 that is 100% drivable.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fraker and the Historic Revitalization for Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.