

HCS HB 2062 -- MUTUAL AID WITH OKLAHOMA AND KANSAS

SPONSOR: White

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill provides that all law enforcement officers in the law enforcement mutual aid region, defined in the bill, shall be permitted in critical incidents to respond to lawful requests for aid in any other jurisdiction in the law enforcement mutual aid region. The on-scene incident commander, as defined by the National Incident Management System, shall have the authority to make a request for assistance in a critical incident and shall be responsible for on-scene management until command authority is transferred to another person.

In the event that an officer makes an arrest or apprehension outside his or her home state, the offender shall be delivered to the first officer who is commissioned in the jurisdiction in which the arrest was made.

If the Director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety determines that the State of Kansas or the State of Oklahoma has enacted legislation or that the Governor of the respective state has issued an executive order or similar action that permits the state's border counties to enter into a similar mutual-aid agreement, then the director shall execute and deliver to persons specified in the bill a written certification of such determination. Upon execution and delivery of such certification, and the parties receiving the certification providing a unanimous written affirmation, the provisions of the agreement shall be effective unless otherwise provided by law.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this would just allow for mutual aid for counties surrounding Joplin so that aid may be sent across state lines to offer assistance. It would not make responding mandatory.

Testifying for the bill was Representative White.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.