

HCS HB 2153 -- EMERGENCY BRIDGE REPAIR

SPONSOR: Korman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill creates the "Emergency Bridge Repair and Replacement Fund," which consists of moneys appropriated from General Revenue to the Department of Transportation for accelerated bridge replacements or immediate repairs to bridges in critical disrepair.

This bill is similar to HB 2823 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the creation of the fund will allow the General Assembly to use general revenue or other funding sources to save money for emergencies involving bridges. Missouri has over 10,000 bridges managed by the Department of Transportation, many of which are in substandard condition.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Korman; American Council of Engineering Companies - Missouri; Missouri Limestone Producers Association; and the Missouri Department of Transportation.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.