

HCS HB 2157 -- TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION FUND

SPONSOR: Bahr

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Innovation and Technology by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill establishes the "State Technology Modernization Fund." This bill allows any state agency or department with unused funds at the end of a fiscal year to deposit those moneys into the fund. Any state agency or department that deposits money may collaborate with other departments or agencies, and use the fund to make modernized technology purchases. Any moneys left in the fund after three years shall revert to General Revenue.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill rewards executive state departments fiscal responsibility by enabling excess funds from the previous fiscal year to be used for information technology purchases. This bill mirrors successful federal programs, and removes the institutional incentive for state departments to utilize all available funds lest their budgets be reduced in subsequent appropriations.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bahr and World Wide Technology.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.