

HCS SCS SB 598 -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UTILITY CORRIDOR

SPONSOR: Riddle

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill permits the Department of Transportation to establish a utility corridor within the existing right-of-way when space is reasonably available.

This bill is similar to SB 380 (2017) and HB 1310 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will expand telecommunication access to right-of-ways, while lowering efficiency costs and expediting repairs. Expanding highway corridors is a key part of broadband deployment.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Riddle; Steve Sellenriek, Sellenriek Construction; and the Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.