

HB 271 -- AUXILIARY CONTAINERS

SPONSOR: Shaul (113)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 8 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 3.

This bill preempts any political subdivision from imposing any restriction, tax, or prohibition upon the use of auxiliary containers including paper or plastic bags and other materials as defined in the bill. However, this bill does not apply to the use of auxiliary containers on county or city property, or any political subdivision's ordinance or agreement regarding recycling or solid waste disposal.

This bill is the same as HB 1396 (2018).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill prevents a patchwork of plastic bag and other container regulations that would be overly burdensome on small businesses.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Shaul; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; National Restaurant Association; Missouri Petroleum Marketing And Convenience Store Association; Missouri Restaurant Association; Missouri Grocers Association; and Missouri Retailers Association.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that local governments should have the ability to regulate the use of paper or plastic bags.

Testifying against the bill were Frances Klahr, Sierra Club; and Coalition for the Environment.