

HCS HB 287 -- ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

SPONSOR: Kidd

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

This bill defines "electric vehicle charging station" and exempts from the definition of "electrical corporation" municipally owned electric utilities, rural electric cooperatives, and any person or corporation that not engaged in the sale of electricity at the wholesale or retail, that owns, operates, or manages equipment that supplies electricity exclusively for the service of charging an electric vehicle as that term relates to the Public Service Commission. The bill also specifies that when municipally owned electric utilities or rural electric cooperatives are providing electric service to structures outside their service boundaries, an electric vehicle charging station reasonable close to the structure is considered a contiguous or adjacent addition.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill reduces uncertainty for those who own and operate electric vehicle charging stations by specifically exempting them from regulation by the Public Service Commission.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kidd; Dave Schatz, Charge Point; Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives; Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say electric companies throughout the state are looking to ensure the availability of charging stations for electric vehicles. Others expressed concerns that current electric consumers will subsidize the deployment of the charging stations by the electric companies through current electric rates.

Testifying on the bill were David Woodsmall, Midwest Energy Consumers Group; Consumers Council of Missouri; Missouri Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association; Patrick Justis, Ameren Missouri; and Missouri Energy Development Association.