

HB 600 -- MEDICAID PER DIEM REIMBURSEMENT

SPONSOR: Bondon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 11 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill entitles any intermediate care facility or skilled nursing facility participating in MO HealthNet that incurs total capital expenditures in excess of \$2,000 per bed to obtain a recalculation of its Medicaid per diem reimbursement rate based on its additional capital costs or all costs incurred during the fiscal year during which such capital expenditures were made.

This bill is the same as SB 11 (2019) and SB 863 (2018) and similar to HB 2068 and SB 818 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that currently long term care providers have no reason to invest private capital to upgrade their facilities because they have no mechanism to increase rates and recoup investment costs and that new facilities get higher Medicaid per diem reimbursement rates than existing facilities. This bill will incentivize repairs and upgrades to existing facilities.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bondon; Missouri Health Care Association; Northport Health Services Management, LLC; Leading Age Missouri; Lutheran Senior Services; Health Systems Incorporated; and Wayne Lee.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.