

HCS HB 1332 -- ELECTRONIC MONITORING EQUIPMENT

SPONSOR: Veit

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 15 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 1.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1332.

A person commits the offense of tampering with electronic monitoring equipment if he or she fails to charge or otherwise disables the electronic monitoring equipment.

The House Committee Substitute specifies that the offense of tampering with electronic monitoring equipment when a person fails to charge or otherwise disables the equipment is a class E felony.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that if people are required to wear electronic monitors, they should be required to honor the requirements of wearing them, which should include charging them. New monitors have removable batteries, so people are not cutting them off anymore. They just remove the batteries or do not charge them. Doing this makes the program far less effective.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Veit; and Jon Beetem.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.