

HB 2097 -- DONATED FIRE EQUIPMENT

SPONSOR: Kolkmeier

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill adds any company or organization to the list of entities against which there can be no cause of action if one of two conditions is met for donation of fire equipment or clothing and it adds fire training academy to the list of receiving entities. The current conditions for fire protection donation are repealed and the bill specifies that the two conditions that may be met are either:

- (1) The recipient certifies to the donor at the time of donation that the equipment received works properly; or
- (2) The donor informs the recipient in writing of any defects in the equipment or clothing about which the donor knew or, by using ordinary care, could have known at the time of donation.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 369 (2019).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this adds organizations that are allowed to accept donated fire equipment, and it removes liability from the donating department. This would help academies get the equipment needed to properly train firefighters.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kolkmeier; Fire Service Alliance; Tim Bean, Missouri State Fire Marshal; and the Prairie Township Fire Protection District.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.