

HCS HB 2142 -- SEXUAL OFFENDERS

SPONSOR: Kelly (141)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 1.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2142.

This bill adds any nature or education center controlled by the Missouri Department of Conservation to the locations registered sexual offenders must stay away from by at least 500 feet. Except, any person who has been found guilty of an offense specified in the section who is the parent, legal guardian, or custodian of a child under 18 visiting the property of a nature or education center controlled by the department may request permission from the nature or education center manager to be present on the property with the child during the child's visit.

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 this has to do with protecting children, and it applies only to certain offenders, not to everyone on the sexual offender registry.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kelly; Missouri Department of Conservation; and Conservation Federation Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.