

HCS HB 2305 -- DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW BOARD

SPONSOR: Ruth

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2305.

This bill makes changes to the membership of the Drug Utilization Review Board.

Currently, six members must be physicians and six members must be pharmacists. The bill requires that:

- (1) At least four, but no more than six physicians, with at least one M.D. and at least one D.O.;
- (2) At least four pharmacists;
- (3) At least one psychiatrist or psychiatric nurse practitioner; and
- (4) All other members must be physicians (subject to the cap of six), pharmacists, or nurse practitioners.

The bill removes provisions requiring members to have specific knowledge and expertise in certain areas. The bill removes provisions that outline the election of the chairperson, how often the board must meet, and what constitutes a quorum. The bill also removes a requirement that the board publish an educational newsletter regarding its opinion of the proper usage of the Medicaid formulary and repeals language that allows for the creation of up to six regional advisory committees for the board.

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 the Drug Utilization Review Board had difficulties establishing a quorum. The quorum should be filled with knowledgeable people with at least one person with a mental health background. Supporters also say that the current statute is more restrictive than the federal guideline.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ruth and Caleb Neeley,

Missouri Department of Social Services.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.