

HCS SCS SB 617 -- POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

SPONSOR: Cunningham

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 3. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 5 to 4.

Please see the Summary Sheet for a detailed list of the House changes to this Senate bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that a change to Section 192.300, RSMo, of the bill would relegate local health boards to simply an advisory role to the County Commission.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Cunningham.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that Section 192.300 is a huge overreach and an attack on local control that puts communities' health and safety at risk in several areas. Also, the language in Section 192.300 would strip all authority to act on public health emergencies that could impact a country.

Testifying against the bill was Governmental Services Group.