

HCS SB 846 -- Veterans

SPONSOR: Sater

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Disease Control and Prevention by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for SB 846.

This bill designates the Missouri Korean War Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri as the official Korean War veterans memorial for the state of Missouri.

The bill also extends the current powers and duties, as defined in the bill, of the Office of State Ombudsman for Long-Term Care Facility Residents to include Missouri veterans' homes.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that extending the powers and duties of the Office of the State Ombudsman for Long-Term Care Facility Residents to include Missouri veterans' homes would provide an advocate for residents of the facilities, provide education to residents, and investigate issues for the residents of the facilities. Currently there is not an ombudsman program for veterans' homes and veterans would benefit from an ombudsman.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Sater.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.