

HCS HB 443 -- CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

SPONSOR: Kalberloh

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 443.

This bill authorizes county commissions to use a part of the principal of a cemetery trust fund for the support and maintenance of the cemetery when the net income of the trust fund is insufficient for those purposes.

The bill also adds the definition of "human and pet cemetery" to the provisions relating to cemeteries in the state, which allows for the creation of cemeteries in which both human remains and the remains of other creatures could be interred and memorialized at the discretion of the lot holder and according to the rules of the human and pet cemetery.

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 many cemeteries have large principal balances that they cannot use, even for mowing. This bill fixes that problem.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kalberloh; and Keith Mertz, Hickory County.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say they support it from what they have heard.

Testifying on the bill was the Associated Cemeteries of Missouri.