

HB 488 -- RESTRICTING UTILITY SERVICE

SPONSOR: Hicks

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 8 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 3.

This bill prohibits any political subdivision of the state from adopting an ordinance, resolution, regulation, code, or policy that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting the connection or reconnection of a utility service based on the type or source of energy to be delivered to an individual customer.

This bill is the same as HB 2697 (2020).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that in some places across the country, political subdivisions are prohibiting connection to certain utility services based on the of energy source. This bill would provocatively prohibit this practice in Missouri and ensure that residents can access the most efficient and affordable utility service available.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hicks; Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Missouri Energy Development Association; Liberty Utilities; Missouri Propane Gas Association; , City Utilities; Consumers Council of Missouri and American Association of Retired Persons; Gas Workers 11-6; Spire Mo; Summit Utilities; American Petroleum Institute. Additional written testimony was also submitted in support of the bill.

OPPONENTS: Written testimony was submitted in opposition of the bill.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.