

HCS HB 583 -- AUDITS OF STATE ENTITIES

SPONSOR: Riggs

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Government Oversight by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 13 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 583.

This bill requires performance audits, to be conducted every four years, on each of the state departments, the Legislature, the Judiciary, and departments and offices under the Executive branch, including but not limited to, the Office of Administration, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, and State Treasurer. The Office of Administration must solicit bids and select an independent auditor.

The bill requires each department to post the results of the audit on their website within 30 days of the audits completion and requires the Office of Administration to submit the results of each audit to the General Assembly. Failure to participate in the audit would subject the department to a declaratory judgment and injunctive relief suit, in which the department would have to retain its own counsel.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2126 (2020).

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 this bill would guarantee that Missourians' tax dollars are being used efficiently as well as making sure their government is maintaining a high level of service to its people. This bill has been implemented in many different states and has created significant savings for those states.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Riggs.

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.