

HCS HB 805 -- SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Hovis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 11 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 805.

Currently, certain adjoining counties may jointly impose a sales tax throughout each of their respective counties for public recreational purposes including the financing, acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of recreational projects and programs. The sales taxes will not become effective unless it is approved by a majority of the voters in each county.

This bill updates the description of the counties authorized to impose the tax described in the bill.

If enacted, this bill will initially only apply to Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, and Osage Counties.

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 the county description populations no longer match the actual population.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Hovis.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that this is another tax on the people of Missouri and is special-interest targeted legislation.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie Dienoff.

This bill is similar to HB 2483 (2020).

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.