

HCS HB 835 -- ELECTRIC ENERGY

SPONSOR: Haffner

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 9 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 835.

This bill specifies that axillary power may be purchased on a wholesale basis for use at an electric generation facility located in Cass County which began operating prior to August 28, 2021, and is operated as an independent power producer.

This bill is similar to HB 2540 (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 natural gas peaking plants operate during peak power needs and need energy to power up before producing their own power. This bill would allow the plant to purchase power at a rate similar to those other states.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Haffner; Dogwood Energy; and Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that the language of the bill is too broad and is too similar to deregulation of the industry.

Testifying against the bill was Evergy.

Additional 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.