

HB 989 -- ALZHEIMER'S AND RELATED DEMENTIAS

SPONSOR: Mayhew

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill requires the Division of Aging within the Department of Health and Senior Services to provide information and support to persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias by establishing a family support group in every county. It further establishes the "Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force" in the Department of Health and Senior Services which will assess all state programs that address Alzheimer's and update and maintain an integrated state plan to overcome Alzheimer's. The membership of the Task Force shall consist of specified members, including one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker and one member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate.

The Task Force shall deliver a report of recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than June 2, 2021.

The Task Force expires on December 31, 2027.

This bill is similar to HB 1683 (2020).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that raising awareness and support for Alzheimer's programs can increase the quality of care for seniors.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Mayhew; William B. Bates, Leadingage Missouri; Arnie C. Dienoff; Jerry Dowell, Alzheimer's Association; Missouri Health Care Association; and Wayne Lee.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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.