

HCS HB 1068 -- FIREARMS

SPONSOR: Wiemann

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 3.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1068.

This bill preempts the field of firearm business regulation and prohibits the state or its political subdivisions from enacting any law, rule, or regulation that would prohibit, restrict, or reduce the operations of such businesses. The bill applies even in cases of emergency or disaster. Any order, ordinance, regulation in violation of the bill is void. Firearm businesses are defined as businesses that are engaged in manufacturing, distributing, selling, or training for the use of firearms or ammunition and include shooting ranges.

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 protects individual liberties and constitutional rights during an emergency. This bill is important to protect ourselves and others in uncertain situations.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wiemann; Donald R. Gustafson; John Archer; Kevin Merritt, Missouri Sheriffs' Association; Missouri Sheriffs United; Scott Jones, National Rifle Association; Susan Myers; and Arnie C. Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: Dennis Conrow; Karen Rogers; Paul Leykamp; and Susan Gibson provided written oppositional testimony.

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.