

HB 1086 -- EMERGENCY SERVICES

SPONSOR: Wallingford

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill specifies that if a county has an elected emergency services board, the board will be eligible for loan funds or other financial assistance.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that, if a county has an elected emergency services board, the board will be eligible for funds. The board can apply to the Missouri 911 service grant and loan program. This is clean up language. It used to say that only counties were eligible applicants. But elected boards are political subdivisions, so they can apply on their own without going through the county commission. The intent when the legislature passed the statute three years ago was that the boards would be able to apply for the funds, but they have not been able to do it without going through the county commission. It's just extra red tape.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wallingford; Arnie C. Dienoff; Missouri 911 Directors Association; Missouri Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association; and the Missouri Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials.

OPPOSERS: 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.