

HCS HCR 6 -- SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AWARENESS

SPONSOR: Stevens (46)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 14 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 HCR 6.

This resolution designates September of each year as "Substance Use Disorder Awareness Month" in recognition of the dangers and costs of the abuse epidemic in the state of Missouri.

This resolution is the similar to HCR 66 (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 this resolution will help to increase awareness of substance use disorders. Too many people have been lost to overdoses and this epidemic is getting worse with the onset of COVID. It is important to remember these people struggling with a horrible disease. More awareness and education needs to happen now.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Stevens; Arnie C. Dienoff; and the Missouri Nurses Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that much information relating to this issue is available, please be proactive and communicate with us so that we can get useful information to you.

Testifying on the bill were Joshua Mueller, Most Policy Initiative; and the Missouri Department of Mental Health.

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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.