

HCS SCS SB 40 -- NATURAL RESOURCES

SPONSOR: Burlison (Houx)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 7 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote 8 to 4.

Please see the Summary Sheet for a detailed list of the House changes to this Senate bill. Summary sheets for Senate Bills are located with the House Substitutes on Senate Bills web page

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the perfected version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would provide transparency for regulated entities when the Department of Natural Resources issues fines and penalties. The Department would have to provide a explanation of how it reached the penalty or fine assessed on the entity. The bill would also give the General Assembly greater involvement in the setting of the Department's fees, rather than the Department setting its own fees.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Burlison; and Associated Industries of Missouri.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that the current stakeholder process for setting fees is a fair process and gives regulated entities and interested parties a say in the fee. This bill would remove opportunity for stakeholder input in the fees that they must pay.

Testifying against the bill were Bryan Meyers; Carter Law; Don Crozier; Erik Lueders; Francine Glass; Harold Johnson; Henry Robertson; Jamie Hasemeier; Jessica File; Joe D Pitts; Kathleen; Kathleen Brown; Kendra Varns Wallis, Missouri Parks Association; Kristin Riott, Bridging The Gap; Lisa Groshong; Mary S Elsea; Mary Slykhous; Melissa Vatterott, Missouri Coalition for The Environment; Michael Honigfort; Michelle L Croyle; Michelle Salois; Molly Brady; Paulette Zimmerman; Rikki Watts; Sarah; Sarah Heyman; Sarah Mayer; Susan Fair; Susan Lammert; Susan Sontag; Vicki K Johnson; Arnie C. Dienoff; D. Matt Bond, KC Water; Judith Zwicker; Nancy Adkins; Frances Klahr, Sierra Club; City Utilities of Springfield; Jay Hoskins, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District;

Lacey Hirschvogel, Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities; American Council of Engineering Companies-Missouri, and Missouri Society of Professional Engineers.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that some cemeteries are in the state park system but not those that have active burials or plots.

Testifying on the bill was Rich Germander, Missouri Department Of Natural Resources.

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.