

HCS SS SB 690 -- HEALTH CARE

SPONSOR: Thompson Rehder (Christofanelli)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 8 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 3.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for SB 690.

This House Committee Substitute incorporates several bills and provisions. Please see the Summary Sheet for a detailed list of the additional bills and provisions added to the House Committee Substitute version of the Senate bill.

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that Missouri is at high risk for drug overdose, with 13 counties currently on a federal watch list for overdoses. Syringe access and service programs can save lives, with up to four times greater outcomes for recovery. These programs present a fuller approach towards treating addiction. These programs also prevent the spread of diseases and help mitigate risks of transmission. The current lack of syringe access is a large gap in the state's opioid response. Syringe access and service programs are a cost-effective and humane measure, with broad support from police officers and first responders.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Thompson Rehder; Kendall Martinez-Wright; Susan Gibson; Arnie C. Dienoff; Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians And Surgeons (MAOPS); Missouri Center For Public Health Excellence; Rachel Winograd; Missouri Family Health Council; BJC Healthcare; Cox Health; National Association of Social Workers-Missouri Chapter; Missouri Nurses Association; Missouri Medical Association; Jon Martin, Vivent Health; Assisted Recovery Centers of America; and Missouri Pharmacy Association.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill have submitted written testimony, which can be found online.

Testifying against the bill were Les Wright; Mary Bustin, Four Seasons Lakesites POA.

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.