

HCS SB 718 -- HIGHER EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Washington (Shields)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 1.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for SB 718.

This bill designates the third week of September in every year as "Historically Black College and University Week" in Missouri.

Please see the Summary Sheet for a detailed list of the additional language added to the House Committee Substitute.

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 historic black colleges and universities have been recognized on the Federal level since the Carter administration and having such a designated week recognition allows for these particular universities and colleges to raise money for additional scholarships.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Washington; Harris Stowe State University; Zakiya Brown, Lincoln University; and Susan Gibson.

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.