

HCS HBs 404 & 501 -- DISPOSAL OF DEAD DEER FROM ROADWAYS

SPONSOR: Haden

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation Accountability by a vote of 11 to 2, with 1 present. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 404.

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to remove and bury dead deer found on a road or highway or the shoulder or right-of-way that is large enough to impede traffic. The burial must be made on Department of Conservation land at a minimum depth of three feet. The Department of Conservation must reimburse the Department of Transportation for the costs associated with the removal and burial of dead deer as provided in the bill.

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 these deer were originally left in place because of chronic wasting disease.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Haden; and Missouri Farm Bureau.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say it is a safety and health issue brought about by the increase in the deer population.

Testifying in person on the bill were Jason Sumners, Missouri Department Of Conservation; and Jay Wunderlich, MoDot.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.