

HCS SB 109 -- MINING

SPONSOR: Bernskoetter

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 19 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for SB 109.

This bill extends the sunset on certain geologic resources fees from December 31, 2025, to December 1, 2031.

Currently, the Industrial Minerals Advisory Council has three members representing limestone quarry operators and one member each representing the clay mining, sandstone mining, sand and gravel mining, barite mining, and granite mining industries. The bill also modifies the council make up so that the eight representatives can come from any of the specified industries including limestone quarry operators, granite mining, clay mining, sandstone mining, barite mining, sand and gravel mining, or other nonmetallic surface mining, but no industry may have more than four representatives.

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 currently the Industrial Minerals Advisory Council has trouble obtaining a quorum to conduct business. The changes to the council membership will provide flexibility in appointing members and allow for broader representation from the mining industries.

Testifying in person for the bill were Senator Bernskoetter; Missouri Limestone Producers Association; and Mike Sutherland, Department of Natural Resources.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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