

SJR 26 -- CHILDCARE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

SPONSOR: Fitzwater (Hausman)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Children and Families by a vote of 7 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 1 with 2 present.

This Constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, exempts from property tax all real and personal property used primarily for the care of a child outside of his or her home.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that there needs to be a Constitutional change to tax exempt property for child care facilities and this bill allows for that to happen. This would not tie the hands of the legislature, it just gives it the authority to act.

Testifying in person for the bill were Senator Fitzwater; Missouri Catholic Conference; Campaign Life Missouri; and the Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

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.