

HCS HB 1511 -- ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION REQUIREMENTS

SPONSOR: Murphy

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency and Downsizing by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight by the vote of 6 to 2.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1511.

This bill provides that any political subdivision that adopts an ordinance, resolution, regulation, code, or policy that requires the installation of electric vehicle charging stations must pay all costs associated with the installation, maintenance, and operation of the electric vehicle charging stations.

The bill prohibits any political subdivision from requiring more than five electric vehicle charging stations per parking lot, or infrastructure for future installation of more than five vehicle charging stations, and the bill further states that such policies will only apply to parking lots with more than 30 parking spaces.

This bill is similar to HB 1584 (2022) and SCS HCS HB 184(2023).

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 the government should not be imposing their political view on small businesses. The requirement that small businesses support particular industries is not the role of government. Most small businesses that would be subject to the rules this bill seeks to preempt could not afford to install electric vehicle charging stations and would be forced to close. Needless government intervention in the free market passes additional costs onto businesses and consumers.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Murphy; Missouri Grocers Association; Missouri Retailers Association; Daniel Lord, Gracelife Chapel; Bob Poley, Grace Union Church; MPCA - Mo Petroleum & Convenience Association; and St Louis Apartment Association.

OPponents: Those who oppose the bill say that this bill would prevent the promotion of electric vehicles and charging stations. Also, this issue must be decided by the local government and not by the state government. Opponents are concerned about the state

government stripping the local government of its authority to mandate.

Testifying in person against the bill were The City of St. Louis; and Sierra Club Missouri Chapter.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill provided information about trends in the costs, power capabilities, and proliferation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Testifying in person on the bill was Madeleine Roberts, Most Policy Initiative.

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.