

HB 1751 -- SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AREA PERMITS

SPONSOR: Haffner

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 1 with 1 voting Present.

Currently, the Department of Natural Resources is prohibited from issuing a permit for the operation of a solid waste disposal area designed to serve a city with a population greater than 400,000 inhabitants located in more than one county, if the site is located within one-half mile of an adjoining municipality without its approval.

This bill changes the required distance from the adjoining municipality from one-half mile to one mile.

This bill is the same as HB 909 (2023).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is necessary because of the decline in property values and the smells that travel on the wind. This needs to be a regional issue. The person who wants to put in the landfill should talk to the neighbors. There is no need for a landfill in this area.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Haffner; Jackson County Legislature; Arnie Dienoff; Patricia O'Connell; Kaleena Schumacher; Brooke Morehead, Lee's Summit R7 School District; Macie Thomas; Bradley Kempf, Clayton Properties Group D/B/A Summit Homes; Christopher (Kit) Starr; William A. Baird; Leonard Jones; Kris Turnbow; Norman Larkey; and Milan J. Rodgers, Jr.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that the law should not be changed "in the middle of the game" and the need for another landfill might not exist now, but with the time it takes to get a permit, the need will be there.

Testifying in person against the bill was Jennifer Monheiser, KC Recycle & Waste Solutions.

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.