

HB 1870 -- FEES COLLECTED BY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Taylor (48)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass- Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill extends the authority of the Missouri Emergency Response Commission to collect fees from August 28, 2024, to August 28, 2030.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that these fees are used to train firefighters and emergency response workers on handling of hazardous materials. The fees bring in just under \$1 million per year and 65% of that goes back to local communities for training. The fee authorization expires this year and this bill would extend the sunset six years.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Taylor; Arnie Dienoff; Fire Service Alliance; Missouri Association Of Councils Of Governments; Missouri Ambulance Association; Greg Brown, Missouri Fire Service Alliance; Mike Snider, Missouri Association Of Fire Chiefs; Scott Olsen, Boone County Fire District/Missouri-TFI; James W. Remillard, SEMA - State Emergency Management Agency.

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 Testimony on the bill page on the House website.