

HB 1995 -- SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Perkins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass-Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 7 to 0.

Currently the Small Wireless Facility Deployment Act expires on January, 1, 2025. This bill repeals the expiration date for the Act.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the Small Wireless Facility Deployment Act was a compromise between the municipalities and the telecommunications industry and the program is working well. This bill would remove the sunset and provide a stable framework for the continued deployment of the technology.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Perkins; Missouri Public Utility Alliance; City Utilities of Springfield; AT&T; T-Mobile; Missouri Chamber of Commerce; Missouri Municipal League; and Verizon.

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.