

HCR 50 -- MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

SPONSOR: Smith (163)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 0 and 1 present.

This House Concurrent Resolution approves the statewide mission designation expansion for Missouri Southern State University to include Health and Life Sciences and Immersive Learning Experiences.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this focus is a strategic area that is important to the state and that there is no infringement on other institutions. The Missouri Southern State University has the most undergraduate programs in health and life sciences in the state and all of these programs are of the highest quality with 100% pass percentage on certificate programs. This focus will allow the university to provide realistic learning environments across and beyond the physical campus.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Smith; and Dean Van Galen, Missouri Southern State University.

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.