

HCS SS SB 900 -- JAILS

SPONSOR: Black (Veit)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

A House committee substitute was adopted that contains multiple provisions relating to jails. Please see the summary sheet for a detailed list of the language in the House committee substitute.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the Senate perfected version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that regional jail districts allow counties to pool resources in order to provide important public services which would otherwise be cost prohibitive. This bill would allow counties to join existing jail districts, benefiting from the services provided, and benefiting the districts by contributing to their funding. Eliminating the sunset and burdensome requirement of periodic reauthorization safeguards the process.

Testifying in person for the bill were Senator Black; St. Louis County; LJ Hart & Company; and the Missouri Association of Counties.

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.