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I am Opposed to this Bill and its intension. This is a Safety Issue and does NOT make rational sense of Picking Good Rules VS. Bad Rules or Policy.



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The Sierra Club opposes House Bill 1961 and House Bill 2197. These bills are an unnecessary, one-size fits all approach to regulation that denies state agencies the flexibility they need to implement and repeal rules. Instead of allowing our rulemaking processes and state agencies to operate as a well-oiled machine, these bills would throw sand in the gears. They would bring the rulemaking process to an absolute halt, preventing the adoption of regulations that protect the health of Missourians and our state's environment. The premise of the bills are flawed. Administrative rules, crafted by experts, and subject to public petition for repeal or adoption are a critically important of any functioning, complex, modern society. The concept that unnecessary rules are common in the Missouri Code of State Regulations ignores this rulemaking processes established by the Missouri Administrative Procedure Act. Each of our state's regulations have been adopted after notice and comment rulemaking, and all regulations are subject to petitions to amend or repeal. You can read that specific petition for repeal provision at 536.041 RSMo. This means that after public input and expert testimony, the subject-matter experts at our state agencies decided that there was a compelling reason to implement a regulation. It also means that any person can have unnecessary regulations repealed through the same process. Second, the practical impacts of this on state agencies would be disastrous. The requirement that two rules be repealed before a new rule can take effect essentially triples the burden of rulemaking (and repeal). Instead of a single rulemaking process to decide whether or not an agency should adopt a new rule, agencies are now confronted with three separate rulemaking processes. This would be in addition to the task of identifying the two least valuable rules already on the books. This will take valuable agency resources away from day-to-day operations, permit writing, and other critical tasks. In an attempt to relieve administrative burden and streamline the rulemaking process, this bill does the opposite. The valuable work that our state agencies do to protect Missouri consumers, residents, and our environment would be undermined by these, and as a result we respectfully urge the committee to reject them.



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HB 2197 denies state agencies the flexibility they need to implement and repeal rules. They would severely impact the rule-making process, preventing the adoption of regulations that protect the health of Missourians and our state's environment. Administrative rules, crafted by experts, and subject to public petition for repeal or adoption are critically important for a government to function. Each of our state's regulations has been adopted after notice and public comment, and all regulations are subject to petitions to amend or repeal. After public input and expert testimony, the subject-matter experts at our state agencies decide that there is a compelling reason to implement a regulation. Any person can have unnecessary regulations repealed through the same process. The practical impacts of these bills on state agencies would also be damaging. The task of identifying the two least valuable rules already on the books would take valuable agency resources away from day-to-day operations and other critical tasks. In an attempt to relieve administrative burden and streamline the rulemaking process, this bill does the opposite. The valuable work that our state agencies do to protect Missouri consumers, residents, and our environment would be undermined by this bill.



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Missouri REALTORS' concern with this proposal is that we believe that entities under Professional Registration should be exempt. Generally, rules enacted by these entities are requested by the regulated professions, and the requirement that they remove two rules for each new one enacted will likely make it impossible to add new rules.



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