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I am in Support of this Bill, except exempting the Boone County Sheriff from the requirement of Salary to be 80% of the Associate Circuit Judgeship. To see more of my On the Record Testimony, Please view the House archived under "Media" and the Committee Hearing. To see more of my On the Record Testimony, Please view the House archived under "Media" and the Committee Hearing.



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HB 2588 will add language regarding county auditor's access to financial records and clarify the county auditor's ability to audit claims of every kind and character for which a county officer has a fiduciary duty. In particular, this wording should make it clear that county auditors will have access to review and audit the financial records of county public administrators. This is important because public administrators have a fiduciary duty to handle money for individuals assigned to them by the courts, mainly for individuals who cannot adequately manage their own fiscal matters. Based on my past experience from auditing public administrators when I worked for the Missouri State Auditor's Office, the risk of fraud and abuse is generally high for the office of the public administrator. Both 1st and 2nd-class counties have elected county auditors and the State Auditor does not have authority to perform regular audits of 1st and 2nd class counties. Therefore, it is important for county auditors to have the ability to perform independent reviews and audits of the other county elected officials which are not subject to regular audits by the State Auditor. There are several documented cases of fraud and abuse in certain counties in the office of public administrator. In many cases, the public administrator's office staff is small in size and duties are not adequately segregated within the office (segregation of duties is an important internal control in reducing the risk of fraud and abuse). Independent audits and reviews can help offset the lack of segregation of duties within an office. Finally, additional oversight and reviews of the fiscal operations of a county official's office can lead to recommendations for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of that office.



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Dear Representative Reedy, In my time as a local regulator for onsite wastewater I have seen my share of soil reports and testing to include failed systems that often circle back to originating at a perc test. One thing is clear, and that is the fact that soil morphologies offer a much more accurate view into soil capabilities when we are looking at sizing or determining an onsite wastewater system with protecting clean water and human health in mind. In addition to perc testing being subjective to seasonal influence, the test itself does not reveal restrictive or limiting layers, to include the water tables that we work hard to maintain vertical separation from during installation. If we are in fact supporting protecting water and public health then I am absolute in saying that percolation testing must go away. Sustainability will be a discussion that we all have over the coming decades if not sooner, and we can take one small step here to protect water as Missouri communities grow in size and demand, further protecting a valuable resource as drought continues to challenge residents in the Midwest. While perc testing does offer some advantages, they are not pertinent to protection of our communities or resources. Rather, perc testing can be readily available in the absence of soil evaluators in rural Missouri counties. There are not many evaluators available in comparison to demand. In many cases the perc tester on site is the installer completing the system. I do not question everyone's integrity, but I do find relying on an individuals word who stands to gain financially to be a problem. This is especially true when a perc test likely offers a better false loading rate which leads to a cheaper system that the honest man cannot compete with. This offers that installer an additional unfair advantage over competition since they must also wait on a soil morphology report in order to submit an application, That period is often seven to ten additional days. New installers cannot compete since perc training and new licensing no longer takes place. It may be worth having a discussion on how to support growing the field of soil morphology and evaluation by expanding institutions offering program support, while streamlining this process into a true area of study for certificate and/or degree seeking individuals. If this exists currently then I am not aware. I do not believe that reducing the requirements for licensure would be beneficial but having a singular focus in a training program that is career minded would. This is a discussion for a later date, but we do need more evaluators and we need them to be masters at their craft. As a professional in the field, I believe that Perc Testing is bad for our communities and our environment. This practice challenges the efficacy of regulatory agency guidelines, purpose, and code, while simply being bad for the industry over all. As we grow in knowledge it is our responsibility to take what we have learned and apply it to our practices so we can better protect our communities and resources. Now is the time. Please help protect our citizens and resources by supporting this bill. V/r, Richard Hamby EPHS Benton County Health