

HCS HB 70 -- FEES COLLECTED BY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Taylor (48)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Budget by a vote of 28 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 70.

This bill extends the authority of the Missouri Emergency Response Commission to collect fees from August 28, 2024, to August 28, 2031. It authorizes a one-time fee to be assessed, which is to be calculated based on filings due March 1, 2025, and is to be paid by November 1, 2025.

This bill is the similar to HB 1870 (2024).

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the authorization of collecting fees for hazardous chemicals in the workplace was not reauthorized when it expired last year; it was developed in the 80s, and this bill reauthorizes it to get back into providing a service to Missouri protecting public health and the environment.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Taylor; Arnie Dienoff; Jack Gamble, Missouri Association of Councils of Government; Fire Service Alliance; Missouri Ambulance Association; Missouri Petroleum and Convenience Association; Terry Cassil, MERC.

OPPOSERS: 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.