

HCS HBs 243 & 280 -- JUDGMENT OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE OR LEGAL SEPARATION

SPONSOR: Williams

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Children and Families by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 7 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HBs 243 & 280.

This bill prohibits pregnancy status from preventing the court from entering a judgment of dissolution of marriage or legal separation.

This bill is the same as HB 2402 (2024) and HB 1253 (2023).

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill ensures safety and access for victims, as their abusers can isolate them and attempt to delay proceedings in efforts to maintain control.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Williams; Matthew Huffman, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic And Sexual Violence; Planned Parenthood Great Rivers Action; Abortion Action Missouri; Arnie Dienoff.

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.