

HCS HBs 511 & 1335 -- DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR

SPONSOR: Wilson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 8 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 511.

This bill establishes within the Department of Health and Senior Services' Division of Senior and Disability Services the full-time position of dementia services coordinator and specifies his or her duties relating to the evaluation, coordination, assessment, data analysis, strategy development, education, and promotion of dementia services.

This bill is similar to HB 2071 (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.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this addresses the need for more streamlined systems and services relating to sufferers of Alzheimer's and dementia. It is a costly disease and a growing public health crisis, and a coordinator can reduce duplicated services as well as focus on early detection, diagnosis, and treatment.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Wilson; Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter; and Arnie Dienoff.

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.