

HB 605 -- INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORGAN TRANSPLANTS

SPONSOR: Jones (88)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill establishes the "End Organ Harvesting Act of 2025".

The bill prohibits any health carrier or health benefit plan, including MO HealthNet, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and any Medicaid managed care organization, from covering a human organ transplant or post-transplant care if:

- (1) The transplant operation is performed in China; or
- (2) The organ to be transplanted was obtained or procured by sale or donation originating in China.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2624 (2024).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that those with the choice to not accept an organ harvested from China should not do so, as to not become accomplices to murder. Despite not having a donation system in place, China is ranked second in the world for transplant volume, which should be chilling.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Jones; Arnie Dienoff; David Jiang; Sena Luo; Marianne Marti; State Armor Action; Sara Effner, Missouri Falun Dafa Association.

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.