

HCS HB 882 -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRY

SPONSOR: Oehlerking

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 12 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 882.

This bill prohibits a sexual offender required to register on the sex offender registry from filing a petition with a court to change his or her name until the offender is no longer required to register and his or her name is removed from the registry. A sexual offender who intentionally violates this provision will be guilty of a class E felony.

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 prohibits an offender required to register on the sex offender registry from filing a petition to change his or her name until the person is no longer required to register. It is surprising that this is not already part of the law in the State. It provides transparency and public disclosure. Missourians have a right to know who people are that commit sexual offenses and what the charges were. No one should ever be changing his or her name if the person has committed a sex crime.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Oehlerking; Arnie Dienoff; and Missouri Alliance for Family Restoration.

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.