

HCS HB 1271 -- COUNTY SALES TAXES FOR PARK PURPOSES

SPONSOR: Wellenkamp

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

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1271.

This bill allows sales taxes collected by a county for the purpose of funding a metropolitan park or recreation district to be used by the county for storm water management projects that are confined to the acquisition of land for the building of a park or greenway or the deployment and augmentation of natural infrastructure or features that would otherwise add to the benefits of the park to the community.

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 natural infrastructure can handle storm water more efficiently and less expensively than other storm water infrastructure. This bill would provide a funding mechanism for cities to fund natural storm water initiatives.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Wellenkamp; Tim Douglas Baker; Arnie Dienoff; and Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities.

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.