

HJR 7 -- GAMING REVENUES

SPONSOR: Griffith

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 5 to 3.

Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment changes the allocation of state revenues derived from the conduct of all gaming activities from solely for the public institutions of elementary, secondary, and higher education to now 90% appropriated for the public institutions of elementary, secondary, and higher education and 10% to the administration of the Missouri Veterans Commission. This allocation of appropriation has an effective date of July 1, 2027.

This bill is the same as HJR 74 (2024) and is similar to HJR 12 (2023).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will generate more funding and sustainable funding for the MO Veterans Commission. Supporters say that going down to 10% will generate approximately \$36 million.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Griffith.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that this pot of money was voted on by voters to be for education. This bill would divert the funds from that purpose.

Testifying in person against the bill was Missouri School Boards' Association.

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.