

HCS SS#2 SCS SB 10 -- TERMINATION DATES OF CERTAIN SECTIONS

SPONSOR: Hough

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency by a vote of 12 to 5 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 5 to 2 with 3 voting present.

This bill modifies the termination dates of certain sections. Additional details of the specific language can be found in the spreadsheet.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the Senate Perfected version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the removal of the sunsets will allow programs to thrive without constantly coming back to the legislature to seek reauthorizations. Providing tax credits for specific industries as authorized by the General Assembly provides an economic boon to the State and the provisions of this bill will continue to add to the value. The controversial sections of the bill are a balance with significance for the medical industry so that there is less uncertainty on reimbursement for certain medicare expenses. The removal of sunsets for gender transition procedures is to protect children.

Testifying in person for the bill were Senator Hough; American Institute of Architects of Missouri; Municipal League of Metro St. Louis; Missouri Catholic Conference; Builders' Association Chapter of the AGC; Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities; Burns and McDonnell; American Institute of Architects; LeadingAge Missouri; Missouri Nurses Association; Missouri Occupational Therapists Association; Missouri Citizens for the Arts; Associated Industries of Missouri; Mercy Healthcare Systems; Branson Chamber of Commerce; Missouri Pharmacy Association; Missouri Corn Growers Association; Missouri Renewable Fuels Association; Missouri Soybean Association; Missouri Ambulance Association, Missouri Pork Association; Chris Barrett, LGB Courage Coalition; Do No Harm Action, Nabholz Construction Corporation; James Remillard, Sema; Missouri Farm Bureau; Michelle Hataway, Missouri Department of Economic Development; Missouri Health Care Association, Missouri Pharmacy Association, Missouri Fire Service Alliance; Missouri Motion Media Association; Council of Churches of the Ozarks-Diaper Bank of the Ozarks; Greater Kansas City Chamber, Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Forest Products, Railway Supply Institute; JE Dunn Construction; Ambulance District Association of Missouri; HappyBottoms.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that this bill will cost the State billions in lost revenue in what is akin to corporate and business welfare. The bill will eliminate transparency and is fiscally irresponsible. The provisions in the bill that remove the sunset for transgender legislation is harmful and an unnecessary inclusion.

Testifying in person against the bill were Abortion Action Missouri; Arnie Dienoff; Dava-Leigh Brush, Missouri Equity Education Partnership; American Civil Liberties Union - Missouri; and Shira Berkowitz, Promo.

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.