

HCS SB 94 -- HEALTH CARE

SPONSOR: Lewis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health by a vote of 16 to 0. Voted "Return to Committee of Origin" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 8 to 0.

Please see the attached summary sheet for a detailed list of the changes made in the House Committee Substitute for SB 94.

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.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is a great tool to expand the ability for health care providers to see more patients, who may have issues with transportation, the ability to take time off work, or other reasons for which telehealth may be preferable. Nurses, specifically advanced practice registered nurses, are also able to utilize telehealth to provide health care services.

Testifying in person for the bill were Senator Lewis; REACH Healthcare Foundation; National Association of Social Workers; Missouri Association of Rural Health Clinics; BJC Healthcare Systems; Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital; Cox Health; Missouri State Medical Association; Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons; Missouri Hospital Association; Mercy Healthcare Systems; Arnie Dienoff; Missouri Academy of Family Physicians; Missouri Occupational Therapy Association; Missouri Nurses Association; SSM Healthcare; Health Forward Foundation of Kansas City; Missouri Center For Public Health Excellence; Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association; Missouri Corn Growers Association; Missouri Soybean Association; and Missouri Farm Bureau.

OPPOSERS: 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.