



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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COMMITTEE: Local Government			
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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: BRENT HEMPHILL		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: PO BOX 156			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/12/2025 12:00 AM	
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JASON HOEVELMANN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-832-4895	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: FLORISSANT VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		TITLE: FIRE CHIEF	
ADDRESS: 661 661 ST. FERDINAND			
CITY: FLORISSANT		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63031
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WITNESS NAME: KELLY COPE		PHONE NUMBER: 636-262-9600	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ST. CHARLES COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT		TITLE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	
ADDRESS: 2000 SALT RIVER ROAD			
CITY: ST. PETERS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63376
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WITNESS NAME: SKIP STEPHENS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-803-0308	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: COTTLEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		TITLE: FIRE CHIEF	
ADDRESS: 1385 MOTHERHEAD RD.			
CITY: ST. CHARLES		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63304
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WITNESS NAME: TOM VINEYARD		PHONE NUMBER: 636-262-0050	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF CAREER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 216 BRIAR VALLEY COURT S.			
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WITNESS NAME: TRENT FORD		PHONE NUMBER: 314-409-6812	
REPRESENTING: AMBULANCE DISTRIST ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: PO BOX 384			
CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65203
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/12/2025 12:00 AM	
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 3/12/2025 11:53 PM
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I am currently opposed to this Bill and giving additional Tax Levies and Sales Tax Authorization to Fire Protection Districts and Ambulance Districts, until the Off-set is 100 % within the Bill and State Statue. There needs to be more discussions and debate on this issue. Fire Protection Districts and Ambulance Districts in these Counties are flooded with Money and high Reserves. There needs to be Amendments: 1. 321.190 and 190.055 Meeting Attendance Fee to be NO more than \$100 in a 72-Hour Period unless there is an emergency. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall not be paid additional Fees in addition to the \$100 Meeting Attendance Fee. 2. Filing Fee 321.130 for Fire District Director Needs to be reduced to Zero, like the Filing Fee for Ambulance Director. Please contact me for additional information.



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WITNESS NAME: PAT KELLY		PHONE NUMBER: 314-726-4747	
REPRESENTING: MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF METRO STL		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 11911 DORSETT RD			
CITY: MARYLAND HEIGHTS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63043
EMAIL: pkelly@stlmuni.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/12/2025 10:01 AM

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The municipal league of Metro St. Louis is opposed to HB 1268. The bill would authorize an additional taxing district to impose a sales tax in St. Louis County. We are criticized already for having high sales tax in St. Louis County. Although the average municipal sales tax is only 1.16% majority of the sales tax is the state and counties. Allowing fire districts to impose a sales tax would only add to that. Municipalities do not compete with the fire district for property tax revenues, there are 16 municipalities in St. Louis County. They don't impose any municipal property taxes if we had to compete for sales tax revenue more of those communities would be forced to impose property taxes for these reasons we are opposed. 1268.