

MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 1318				DATE: 3/25/2025		
COMMITTEE: Transportation						
TESTIFYING:	✓ IN SUPPORT OF	IN OPPOSITION TO		ATIONAL PURPOSES		
		WITNESS NAME				
INDIVIDUAL:						
WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE			PHONE NUME	PHONE NUMBER:		
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:			TITLE:			
ADDRESS:						
CITY:			STATE:	ZIP:		
EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com		ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 3/25/2025 11:59 PM		
THE INFORMA	TION ON THIS FOR	M IS PUBLIC RECOR	D UNDER CHA	PTER 610, RSMo.		
I am in Support of	this Bill					



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 1318				DA ⁻ 3/2	TE: 2 5/2025	
COMMITTEE: Transportation				·		
TESTIFYING:	IN SUPPORT OF	✓ IN OPPOSITION TO		ORMATIC	NAL PURPOSE	
		WITNESS NAME				
NDIVIDUAL:						
			PHONE	PHONE NUMBER:		
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:			TITLE:			
ADDRESS:						
CITY:			STATE:		ZIP:	
EMAIL: atnhayseed@outle	ook.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUE 3/2	BMIT DATE: 1/2025 2	::38 PM	
THE INFORMA	TION ON THIS FOR	M IS PUBLIC RECOR	D UNDER C	HAPIE	ER 610, RSMc	
		M IS DUBLIC DECOD			- D 64A D 8 M 4	
Ladies and Gentle	men of the Committee	M IS PUBLIC RECOR – Thank you for this opp	ortunity to of	fer writte	en testimony on	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose	emen of the Committee this bill. (1) First of	 Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a 	ortunity to of state agency	fer writte to use p	en testimony on public funds to	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of operty for the benefit of	 Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti 	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads	fer writte to use p are priv	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case	 Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti en a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so 	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the	fer writte to use p s are priv ed, the pr original	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abando	– Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti en a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a	fer writte to use p s are priv d, the pr original an aband	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abandoo he property interest fro	– Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti en a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to om one private owner to a	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another privat	fer writte to use p s are priv ed, the pr original an aband te owner	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t property interest i	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abandoo he property interest fro s acquired by a govern	– Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti en a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to om one private owner to a ment entity. How is it app	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another private propriate to re	fer writte to use p s are prived, the prived, the prived original an aband te owner equire a	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the state agency to	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t property interest i survey private pro	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abandoo he property interest fro s acquired by a govern perty for the benefit of	– Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti en a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to om one private owner to a ment entity. How is it app	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads y is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another privat propriate to re lext, the addit	fer writte to use p s are priv ed, the prived, the prived original an aband te owner equire a s ional du	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the state agency to ties proposed b	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t property interest i survey private pro HB 1318 are an un 1969 and collected	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abando he property interest fro s acquired by a govern operty for the benefit of funded mandate. The s d by recorders of deed	- Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti en a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to om one private owner to a ment entity. How is it app f a private owner? (2) N State Land Survey is func s (Section 59.319-3(1)). Th	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another privat propriate to re lext, the addit ded by a \$1 us his fee has no	fer writte to use p s are prived, the prived, the prived original an aband te owner equire a s cional dur ser fee, e ot change	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the state agency to ties proposed b established in ed since 1969,	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t property interest i survey private pro HB 1318 are an un 1969 and collected while costs have r	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abando he property interest fro s acquired by a govern perty for the benefit of funded mandate. The s d by recorders of deeds isen considerably since	- Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti en a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to om one private owner to a ment entity. How is it app f a private owner? (2) N State Land Survey is fund s (Section 59.319-3(1)). The te then and continue to ri	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another privat propriate to re lext, the addit ded by a \$1 us his fee has no se. There wer	fer writte to use p s are prived, the prived, the prived original an aband te owner equire a s cional du ser fee, e ot change re 25 stat	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the state agency to ties proposed b established in ed since 1969, ff members in	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t property interest i survey private pro HB 1318 are an un 1969 and collected while costs have r 2000 (not counting	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abandon he property interest fro s acquired by a govern perty for the benefit of funded mandate. The s d by recorders of deed isen considerably since g the three positions fu	- Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti en a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so med for someone else to om one private owner to a ment entity. How is it app i a private owner? (2) N State Land Survey is fund s (Section 59.319-3(1)). The then and continue to ri unded by state parks), but	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another privat propriate to re lext, the addit ded by a \$1 us his fee has no se. There wer t that number	fer writte to use p s are prived, the prived, the prived original an aband te owner equire a cional dur ser fee, e ot change re 25 state has dim	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the state agency to ties proposed b established in ed since 1969, ff members in inished to 12 in	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t property interest i survey private pro HB 1318 are an un 1969 and collected while costs have n 2000 (not counting 2025. More duties	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abandon he property interest fro s acquired by a govern perty for the benefit of funded mandate. The s d by recorders of deeds risen considerably sinc g the three positions fu were added in 2012, as	- Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti- ien a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to om one private owner to a iment entity. How is it app f a private owner? (2) N State Land Survey is fund s (Section 59.319-3(1)). The te then and continue to ri- inded by state parks), but s well, but no additional f	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another privat propriate to re lext, the addit ded by a \$1 us his fee has no se. There wer t that number unding was p	fer writte to use p s are prived, the prived, the prived original an aband te owner equire a s cional dur ser fee, e ot change re 25 stat has dim rovided	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the state agency to ties proposed b established in ed since 1969, ff members in inished to 12 in then either. How	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t property interest i survey private pro HB 1318 are an un 1969 and collected while costs have r 2000 (not counting 2025. More duties can an already un	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abandoo he property interest fro s acquired by a govern perty for the benefit of funded mandate. The s d by recorders of deed risen considerably since g the three positions fu were added in 2012, as derfunded agency with	- Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti ien a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to om one private owner to a iment entity. How is it app f a private owner? (2) N State Land Survey is fund s (Section 59.319-3(1)). The then and continue to ri inded by state parks), but s well, but no additional f a diminishing staff levels	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another privat propriate to re lext, the addit ded by a \$1 us his fee has no se. There wer t that number unding was p be expected t	fer writte to use p s are prived, the prived, the prived, the prived, the prived, the prived and the owner equire a sectional during the owner sectional during the owner the owner	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the state agency to ties proposed b established in ed since 1969, ff members in inished to 12 in then either. How re and more	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t property interest i survey private pro HB 1318 are an un 1969 and collected while costs have r 2000 (not counting 2025. More duties can an already un work without addi	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abandoo he property interest fro s acquired by a govern perty for the benefit of funded mandate. The d by recorders of deed risen considerably since g the three positions fu were added in 2012, as derfunded agency with tional funding? You ca	- Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti- ien a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to om one private owner to a iment entity. How is it app f a private owner? (2) N State Land Survey is fund s (Section 59.319-3(1)). The te then and continue to ri- inded by state parks), but s well, but no additional f	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another privat propriate to re lext, the addit ded by a \$1 us his fee has no se. There wer t that number unding was p be expected t it if funding is	fer writte to use p s are prived, the prived, the prived, the prived, the prived and aband the owner equire a stand during the prive ser fee, e to change re 25 stand has diminovided to do mo s inadeq	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the state agency to ties proposed b established in ed since 1969, ff members in inished to 12 in then either. How re and more	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro- their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t property interest i survey private pro- HB 1318 are an un 1969 and collected while costs have r 2000 (not counting 2025. More duties can an already un work without addi the current work le 1318 does nothing	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abandoo he property interest fro s acquired by a govern operty for the benefit of funded mandate. The s d by recorders of deed isen considerably sinc g the three positions fu were added in 2012, as derfunded agency with tional funding? You ca oad, it is unlikely that t g toward providing the	- Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti ien a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to om one private owner to a ment entity. How is it app f a private owner? (2) N State Land Survey is fund s (Section 59.319-3(1)). The te then and continue to ri inded by state parks), but s well, but no additional f a diminishing staff levels n add the extra duties, but he extra duties will received ocumentation to perform	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another privat oropriate to re lext, the addit ded by a \$1 us his fee has no se. There wer t that number unding was p be expected t ut if funding is /e much atter n the addition	fer writte to use p s are prived, the prived, the prived, the prived, the prived and aband te owner equire a stand te owner equire a stand to aband te owner equire a stand to aband to	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the state agency to ties proposed b established in ed since 1969, ff members in inished to 12 in then either. How re and more uate to address (3) Further, HB s. To do this	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro- their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t property interest i survey private pro- HB 1318 are an un 1969 and collected while costs have r 2000 (not counting 2025. More duties can an already un work without addii the current work le 1318 does nothing work, it is absolut	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abandoo he property interest fro s acquired by a govern perty for the benefit of funded mandate. The s d by recorders of deeds risen considerably since g the three positions fu were added in 2012, as derfunded agency with tional funding? You ca oad, it is unlikely that t g toward providing the ely necessary to have a	- Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti ien a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to om one private owner to a ment entity. How is it app f a private owner? (2) N State Land Survey is fund s (Section 59.319-3(1)). The then and continue to ri- inded by state parks), but s well, but no additional f a diminishing staff levels n add the extra duties, but he extra duties will received documentation to perform access to the right-of-way	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another privat oropriate to re lext, the addit ded by a \$1 us his fee has no se. There wer t that number unding was p be expected t ut if funding is /e much atter m the addition y plans and o	fer writte to use p s are prived, the prived, the prived, the prived, the prived and aband te owner equire a stand te owner equire a stand te owner equire a stand to nal duries to a stand to stand to a stand t	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the state agency to ties proposed b established in ed since 1969, ff members in inished to 12 in then either. How re and more uate to address (3) Further, HB s. To do this umentation tha	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t property interest i survey private pro HB 1318 are an un 1969 and collected while costs have r 2000 (not counting 2025. More duties can an already un work without addii the current work le 1318 does nothing work, it is absolut define the geomet	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abandoo he property interest fro s acquired by a govern perty for the benefit of funded mandate. The d by recorders of deed isen considerably sind g the three positions fu were added in 2012, as derfunded agency with tional funding? You ca oad, it is unlikely that t g toward providing the ely necessary to have a ry and alignment of the	- Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti ien a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to om one private owner to a ment entity. How is it app f a private owner? (2) N State Land Survey is fund s (Section 59.319-3(1)). The then and continue to ri- inded by state parks), but is well, but no additional f a diminishing staff levels n add the extra duties, but he extra duties will received documentation to perform access to the right-of-way e right-of-way. Assuming	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another privat oropriate to re lext, the addit ded by a \$1 us his fee has no se. There wer t that number unding was p be expected t at if funding is /e much atter m the addition y plans and o this proposal	fer writte to use p s are prived, the prived, the prived, the prived original an aband te owner equire a stand te owner equire a stand te owner equire a stand to change re 25 stand to change re 25 stand to do mo s inadeq tion. (nal duties ther doc l is inten	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the state agency to ties proposed b established in ed since 1969, ff members in hinished to 12 in then either. How re and more uate to address (3) Further, HB s. To do this umentation tha ded to be	
Ladies and Gentle HB 1318. I oppose survey private pro their rights-of-way is either eliminate in fee simple, or p in the transfer of t property interest i survey private pro HB 1318 are an un 1969 and collected while costs have r 2000 (not counting 2025. More duties can an already un work without addii the current work le 1318 does nothing work, it is absolut define the geomet	men of the Committee this bill. (1) First of perty for the benefit of are privately held. Wh d, as would be the case erhaps simply abandoo he property interest fro s acquired by a govern perty for the benefit of funded mandate. The d by recorders of deed isen considerably sind g the three positions fu were added in 2012, as derfunded agency with tional funding? You ca oad, it is unlikely that t g toward providing the ely necessary to have a ry and alignment of the s well as backward loo	- Thank you for this opp all, is it appropriate for a private persons or entiti ien a railroad right-of-way e with an easement, or so ned for someone else to om one private owner to a ment entity. How is it app f a private owner? (2) N State Land Survey is fund s (Section 59.319-3(1)). The then and continue to ri- inded by state parks), but s well, but no additional f a diminishing staff levels n add the extra duties, but he extra duties will received documentation to perform access to the right-of-way	ortunity to of state agency es? Railroads / is abandone old, when the claim. Thus, a another privat propriate to re lext, the addit ded by a \$1 us his fee has no se. There wer t that number unding was p be expected t at if funding is /e much atter m the addition y plans and o this proposal ome requirem	fer writte to use p s are prived, the prived, the prived, the prived original an aband te owner equire a stand te owner equire a stand te owner equire a stand te owner equire a stand to nal duries thas dim rovided to do mo s inadeq nal duries ther doc l is inten ment to prive	en testimony on public funds to vate entities and roperty interest acquisition was lonment results , unless the state agency to ties proposed b established in ed since 1969, ff members in hinished to 12 in then either. How re and more uate to address (3) Further, HB s. To do this umentation tha ded to be	

means all of those abandoned rights-of-way will have to be identified and records tracked down. This is a tremendous undertaking. If you want it done, provide the resources to do it! I estimate that dedicating one professional land surveyor and one technician full time to restoring and monumenting the centerline geometry of all railroad rights-of-way that have been abandoned in the state of Missouri will cost more than \$250,000 per year for many years with appropriate upward adjustments to this cost each year. (5) Please, note that railroad rights-of-way that have been converted to "interim trail use" are not regarded as having been abandoned. Since this proposal only mentions abandoned rights-ofway, it would not apply to any rights-of-way that have been converted to "interim trail use." Besides, rights-of-way converted to "interim trail use" are transferred to the trail sponsor, who should be responsible for any surveys needed on the property they hold. How is it appropriate to require a state agency to survey what belongs to some other entity? (6) Please, also note that, as worded, HB 1318 technically won't apply to any rights-of-way within the state of Missouri, because neither the Surface

Transportation Board nor the Interstate Commerce Commission abandon railroad rights-of-way. Railroad rights-of-way are abandoned by the railroad operators and not by the agencies that regulate them. The Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) was created in 1887 and had a wide range of regulatory authority over railroads and other forms of interstate transportation. It was abolished in December 1995. The Surface Transportation Board (STB) is the federal agency that is charged with the economic regulation of various modes of surface transportation, primarily freight rail. The agency has iurisdiction over railroad rate, practice, and service issues and rail restructuring transactions. including mergers, line sales, line construction, and line abandonments. The STB also has jurisdiction over certain passenger rail matters, the intercity bus industry, non-energy pipelines, household goods carriers' tariffs, and rate regulation of non-contiguous domestic water transportation. The STB was created on January 1, 1996. The ICC was and the STB is a regulatory agency. Neither own or operate railroads and, therefore, do not abandon railroad rights-of-way. In an abandonment proceeding the STB ensures that proper notice to rail users has been given, that any opposition to abandonment is addressed, that any offers of financial assistance have been considered, and that environmental, historic preservation or any other concerns are appropriately addressed before abandonment is consummated by the railroad operator. *** I oppose HB 1318, believing it to be entirely inappropriate. I, therefore, urge this Committee to kill HB 1318.