



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: CADE TREMAIN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-3511	
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ADDRESS: 428 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
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REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: GARRETT WEBB		PHONE NUMBER: 219-229-1104	
REPRESENTING: CENTRAL STATES WATER RESOURCES		TITLE: REGISTERED LOBBYIST	
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CITY: SAINT LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63131
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WITNESS NAME: LARRY PLEUS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-821-2999	
REPRESENTING: SPIRE MO		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: LYNNE SCHLOSSER		PHONE NUMBER: 913-461-8724	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI AMERICAN WATER		TITLE: CONTRACT LOBBYIST	
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CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63146
EMAIL: lyneschlosser@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 2/10/2025 5:03 PM	
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Going on the record in support			



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WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW THOMPSON		PHONE NUMBER: 660-537-5234
REPRESENTING: KIDS WIN MISSOURI (HB 326); LIBERTY UTILITIES (HB 531)		TITLE:
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		ZIP: 65101
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WITNESS NAME: RAY MCCARTY		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-2246	
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The State Tax Commission has changed a form used for depreciation of pipelines that will result in a tax increase on utility companies that will be paid by utility customers of at least \$24 million. This resulted in a tax increase enacted by commissioners that are not elected, without input from the public, utilities, or legislators. This bill will establish consistency for the same property between county assessors.



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WITNESS NAME: ZACH MONROE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-508-2467	
REPRESENTING: AMEREN MISSOURI		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: ZACH POLLOCK		PHONE NUMBER: 573-645-3210	
REPRESENTING: MO NATURAL GAS ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65102
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL FRANKS		PHONE NUMBER: 417-256-8284	
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This legislation is providing preferential status to corporate entities to reduce their tax burden while shifting that tax burden further onto individual home and vehicle owners. These same corporate entities, who provide utility services to homes, when submitting rate increase requests to the Public Service Commission use a 60-year depreciation schedule to determine utility rates for homeowners. The State Tax Commission established a 50-year depreciation schedule December 26, 2024, for the valuation of these utility assets, why would the Missouri Legislature wish to disregard the decision of the state agency responsible for equalizing values across the state on the correct valuation methodology for these assets?The Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) was adopted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to rapidly reduce the income tax liability of companies to encourage them to continue to update and expand their business enterprise thereby creating jobs and economic activity across the country. MACRS treats leasehold improvements to real estate as real property which has up to a 40-year recovery period. Why would our state want to cut that in half and provide a large property tax break that will be made up by homeowners. According to the STC website, in 2023 commercial property paid 19.47% of the property tax, where Residential paid 52.63%, it's time to shift some of that burden back to the commercial property and provide relief for homeowners. Most of our property tax problems would be resolved if the legislature would turn their attention from manipulation of the assessment process to making schools roll back their levy and cap the tax growth as mandated by the Hancock Amendment. Previous legislatures have allowed this to happen without realizing how this would shift tax burdens to residential properties and begin to force individuals out of their homes by allowing unchecked revenue growth. Section 137.073.3(1) had one word changed several sessions ago, shall roll back was changed to may roll back and was applied to school districts only. Other political subdivisions like counties, cities, fire and ambulance districts are required to roll back in a reassessment year, why was one, who is the largest recipient of property tax revenue, allowed to disregard a commonsense control of over taxation and others were not?



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WITNESS NAME: JERE HOCHMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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MO ranks 50th in state funding for education. Lowering taxes places even more pressure on local revenue and reducing property tax affects that, too. STOP ANY BILLS DEFUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION.



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WITNESS NAME: KENNY MOHR		PHONE NUMBER: 573-886-4266	
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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL		PHONE NUMBER:
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I OPPOSE HB 531 as originally filed. This bill seems to add a category of taxable property, which I OPPOSE!



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