

HCS HB 1866 -- PEACE OFFICER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

SPONSOR: Roberts

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Crime and Public Safety by a vote of 13 to 6. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 7 to 3.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1866.

This bill provides cause for the Director of Public Safety to deny an application for a peace officer license or to deny entrance into a basic training course when the applicant had a peace officer license or certification that was revoked or surrendered or when the applicant is not a United States citizen.

This bill is similar to HB 981 (2025).

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill gives the director of public safety cause to deny an officer license or certification. That would include the authority to do it for an offense from another state that isn't necessarily an offense in this state. There are states that do license non-citizens, specifically permanent residents, so the bill ensures that the director here can deny a license to someone who is not a citizen.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Roberts; Jayln Talbot, Department of Public Safety; Missouri Police Chiefs Association; and Arnie Dienoff.

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.