

HCS HB 2149 -- DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR

SPONSOR: Wilson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health by a vote of 15 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2149.

This bill establishes within the Department of Health and Senior Services' Division of Senior and Disability Services the full-time position of dementia services coordinator and specifies his or her duties relating to the evaluation, coordination, assessment, data analysis, strategy development, education, and promotion of dementia services.

This bill is similar to HCS HBs 511 & 1335 (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.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the Department should focus on early detection, diagnosis, and quality of care for those affected by dementia. Treatment in the early stages of the disease provides longer time for caregivers to learn how to manage it. It would signal to senior Missourians that they are a priority.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Wilson; Alzheimer's Association; Arnie Dienoff; and Sandy Marshall.

OPPONENTS: 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.