

HB 2422 -- USER FEES FOR RECORDING INSTRUMENTS

SPONSOR: Haley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture by a vote of 18 to 0 with 1 member voting present.

Currently, a user fee of \$4 is collected by every Recorder of Deeds in the state as a condition to the recording of any instrument or document, of which \$1 is credited to the Missouri Land Survey Fund to fund the Missouri Land Survey Program. This bill increases the user fee to \$5 and credits \$2 to the fund.

The bill also authorizes the Department of Agriculture to establish by rule fees necessary to reflect the cost of production and reproduction of certain instruments and records.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the Land Survey Program was established in 1969 and the fee to fund the program has never increased. Surveyors rely on the records of the program. If the program was dissolved due to lack of funding the cost of a survey would increase greatly due to the added time and expense it would take to conduct a survey.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Haley; Darrell D. Pratte; Ray L. Riggs; Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors; and Trinity Crouch, Missouri Department of Agriculture.

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.