

HB 2885 -- VESSEL REGISTRATION FEES

SPONSOR: Hovis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 12 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 11 to 0.

Currently, the first \$1 million collected annually from registration fees for watercraft is deposited in the General Revenue Fund, and all remaining money is deposited in the Water Patrol Division Fund.

This bill requires all money collected from registration fees for watercraft after June 30, 2026, to be deposited in the Water Patrol Division Fund.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that due to increased costs of the Water Patrol Division, this additional \$1 million per year would help maintain public safety and other expected services on the waters of the state. The fees that go into this fund haven't been increased, and with decreased boat registrations, a shift is needed to maintain salaries and equipment.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Hovis; "Alex" Alexander Vivas, Missouri State Highway Patrol .

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.