

HCS HB 3467 -- COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY RESOURCE BOARD TAX LEVIES

SPONSOR: Hausman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 16 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 3467.

This bill allows a county or city not within a county to, under certain circumstances, ask voters to approve a sales tax of up to 0.5% for the purpose of providing assistance to people with developmental disabilities.

The first instance is one in which a property tax authorized for a developmental disability resource board experiences a decline in revenue, either from the amount generated during the 2026 fiscal year, for currently existing boards; or during the first full fiscal year that the tax is collected, for boards created after the effective date of the bill. In this circumstance, the board can request that the governing body of the county submit the question for the sales tax to voters. If approved, the sales tax can be collected in addition to the property tax.

Additionally, the governing body of a county or a city not within a county that does not currently have a developmental disability resource board can submit the question to authorize the sales tax to voters in lieu of the property tax currently authorized by law.

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 services provided by developmental disability resource boards are of vital importance to people with disabilities living in Missouri. Though funding can come from a variety of sources, relying on a local tax, approved by voters, means these groups don't have to rely on state appropriations to continue providing services. There is a great deal of uncertainty about the future of property taxes in Missouri, and a lot of interest in shifting toward sales taxes expressed by the General Assembly. This diversification of revenue would help disability resource boards survive in times of economic uncertainty. Allowing voters to approve or disapprove

the sales tax levy means there would have to be local support in order for this change to take place.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Hausman; Arnie C. Dienoff; Nancy Pennington, Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services; Missouri Special Districts Association; Mike Lederle; Missouri Association of Sheltered Workshop Managers; Starlink; and Heather Weddle.

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.