SB 1629 -- UNDERGROUND FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Fitzwater

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 20 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, an underground facility owner must ensure that all new and active underground facilities installed after August 28, 2025, with the exception of certain facilities installed at a depth more than six feet, are installed with a detectable underground location device unless the facility can be detected above ground with an electronic device.

This bill exempts all storm water sewers, regardless of depth of installation from this requirement.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would clarify the statute. The intent of the legislation passed last year was to exempt all storm water sewers, but some municipalities have interpreted the statute differently.

Testifying in person for the bill were Senator Fitzwater; and St. Louis Homebuilders.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that this bill clarifies the intent of the statutory changes passed last year and that the 811 system has no concerns with the legislation.

Testifying in person on the bill was Missouri 811 System.

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.