

HCS HB 474 -- WATER POLLUTION BONDS

SPONSOR: Johnson, 47

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 16 to 0.

In addition to amounts authorized prior to August 28, 2002, this substitute authorizes the Board of Fund Commissioners to issue bonds for grants and loans pursuant to several sections of Article III of the Missouri Constitution. The authorizations are for:

(1) \$10 million of bonds for waste water pollution control, drinking water system improvements, and storm water control pursuant to Section 37(e);

(2) \$10 million of bonds for rural water and sewer projects pursuant to Section 37(g); and

(3) \$20 million of bonds for storm water control plans, studies, and projects in first classification counties and the City of St. Louis pursuant to Section 37(h).

FISCAL NOTE: Not available at time of printing.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is a clean water bill. The bill helps first classification counties and the City of St. Louis control storm water. The bill also helps all areas of the state with sewer and pollution control projects. The bill only authorizes the Office of Administration to sell bonds.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bivins; and St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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