

HCS HB 89 -- TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

SPONSOR: Hoskins, 80 (Brown, 50)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Urban Issues by a vote of 9 to 0.

This substitute requires vehicles to yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians and bicyclists crossing in a crosswalk on a city or neighborhood street in Kansas City.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that it is important that vehicles yield to pedestrians instead of pedestrians yielding to cars. Investments in improving sidewalks and trails is important as well as enforcing penalties on those who prohibit free pedestrian traffic.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Brown (50).

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.