

HCS HB 152 -- DNA PROFILING SYSTEM

SPONSOR: Stevenson (Ruestman)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 13 to 1.

This substitute expands the DNA profiling system by requiring any person 17 years of age or older who is arrested for first degree burglary, second degree burglary, or a felony under Chapter 565 or 566, RSMo, to provide a biological sample upon booking at a county jail or detention facility for the purpose of DNA profiling analysis.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$676,640 in FY 2010, \$476,111 in FY 2011, and \$478,018 in FY 2012. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will provide law enforcement with another useful tool in solving heinous crimes. Numerous states have adopted similar legislation, and every state supreme court has upheld the laws to be constitutional. Research has shown that in Chicago alone, 53 rapes and murders could have been prevented if a law like this had been in effect. The bill supports justice because people currently serving jail time or being tried for a crime can quickly be exonerated and released if the DNA of another individual matches the crime evidence. The bill should include arrests for burglaries because half of the matches for sexual assaults, rapes, and murders are related to burglary arrests.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ruestman; Jay Ann Sepich; and Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that it will infringe upon the constitutional rights of those who have not been convicted of any crime and that there are serious privacy issues.

Testifying against the bill was American Civil Liberties Union.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that the DNA Profiling Unit is capable of handling the increased number of cases with the aid of available federal funding and that the process includes multiple layers of control to insure that the samples and positive matches are accurate.

Testifying on the bill was DNA Profiling Unit, State Highway Patrol.