

HCS HB 1271 -- OFFICIAL STATE HISTORICAL DOG

SPONSOR: Zerr (Brown, 30)

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

This substitute designates Seaman, the dog which accompanied Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their expedition of the new territory acquired by the United States through the Louisiana Purchase, as the official state historical dog.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that it is important to recognize Seaman's role in the Lewis and Clark expedition and noted that he is featured in four major statues depicting Lewis and Clark, including the one on the State Capitol grounds.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Brown (50); Katie Barr; and Grace White.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.