

HB 200 -- ACTIONS AND DAMAGES AGAINST JAILS AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Kelley (126)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Corrections by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill specifies that gross negligence will be the standard of proof in an action for damages brought against a public or private jail, correctional center, detention center, or any other type of correctional facility as a result of a death by suicide of any inmate.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014. Estimated Net Income on Other State Funds of \$0 or Unknown in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is needed to provide protection to counties, sheriffs, and the state from unnecessary law suits arising from inmate suicides.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kelley (126); Greg White, Cole County Sheriff; and Missouri Sheriff's Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.