

HCS HB 578 -- DISPOSAL OF USED TIRES

SPONSOR: Ruzicka (Thomson)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 16 to 0.

This substitute allows the state or any political subdivision or agency of the state to transfer possession and ownership of used tires, scrap tires, or tire shred to any in-state private entity to be lawfully disposed of or recycled if the tires or shred are not burned as fuel or disposed of in a landfill. The cost of transferring the tires or shred must be less than the cost the state, political subdivision, or agency would have otherwise incurred had it disposed of the tires or shred. The private entity must pay for the transportation of the used tires it receives.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill allows the state to give scrap tires or shred to private companies to use in their products. Currently, Missouri Vocational Enterprises provides scrap tires to the University of Missouri power plant and transports the excess tires to a landfill in Kansas. The bill provides the state with additional options.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Thomson; Advantage Capital; and Lee Langerock, Nodaway County Economic Development.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill explained how tires are used in the process of generating electricity.

Testifying on the bill was Empire District Electric Company.