

HB 1114 -- EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD IN TANEY COUNTY

SPONSOR: Weter

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 17 to 0.

This bill requires Taney County, upon voter approval of a county sales tax for central dispatching of emergency services, to appoint a seven-member emergency services board including the county sheriff and at least one member from the head of any of the county's fire protection districts, the county's ambulance districts, the police departments in the county, and the county's emergency management organizations, or their respective designees, to administer the funds and oversee the provision of emergency services.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow Taney County to appoint an emergency services board instead of having an elected board which will save the county the cost of elections.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Weter and Phillips; Dave Woolery, Taney County 911; Rick Ziegenfuss, City of Hollister; Byron Vanderpool, Taney County Ambulance District; Jim Strafuss, Taney County; and City of Branson.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.