

HCS HB 137 -- STATE IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

SPONSOR: Hinson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 11 to 0.

This substitute requires any state agency to obtain approval from the General Assembly prior to implementing or expanding a federal program that requires a cost, share, or continuation of the program once the federal money ends or expends more than \$1 million for two consecutive years.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will prevent the state from being placed on the hook for the financial costs of administering a federal program without the approval of the General Assembly. The state will benefit from the ability to examine federal programs before they are implemented, and the state is in a better position than the federal government to determine the needs of its citizens.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hinson; and Missouri Family Network.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.