

HCS HB 930 -- REBUILDING DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE

SPONSOR: Flanigan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Budget by a vote of 24 to 0.

This substitute establishes the Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure Program to provide funding for the reconstruction, replacement, or renovation of or repair to any infrastructure damaged by a presidentially declared natural disaster in Joplin including, but not limited to, the physical components of interrelated systems providing essential commodities and services to the public including transportation, communication, sewage, water, and electric systems as well as public elementary and secondary school buildings. On July 1, 2013, \$10 million from the Insurance-Dedicated Fund; \$1 million from the Department of Revenue Information Fund, and \$4 million from the Health and Educational Facilities Authority must be transferred into the newly created Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure Fund to be used solely for the purposes of the program. Any moneys in excess of \$15 million in the Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure Fund must be transferred into the General Revenue Fund. Also, on July 1, 2013, \$2 million from the Department of Revenue Information Fund must be transferred into the General Revenue Fund. Beginning July 1, 2014, \$500,000 from the Insurance-Dedicated Fund must be transferred into the General Revenue Fund annually.

The substitute authorizes a state and local sales and use tax exemption and a transient guest tax exemption for purchases made by a person as part of a disaster relief service if payment is made by the Red Cross.

The provisions regarding the Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure Program will expire on June 30, 2014.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that a tornado destroyed the infrastructure in Joplin. The bill transfers money into a fund that will be used for projects to rebuild the damaged public infrastructure without federal matching dollars or for projects not eligible for federal or state grant programs. The funds to be transferred have been sitting idle.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Flanigan; City of Joplin; and Wallace Bajjoli Development Partners L.P.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.