

HB 2155 -- STATE EMPLOYEE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

SPONSOR: Scharnhorst

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Administration and Accounts by a vote of 10 to 0.

Under current law, state employees and certain local government employees are paid at a rate of 10 cents per mile, unless a higher rate is authorized by statute or an order of the Commissioner of Administration, when using a personal vehicle for government travel. This bill changes the rate to 90% of the federal privately owned vehicle mileage rate unless a higher rate is authorized by the Commissioner of Administration.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the cost of gasoline and the cost of vehicle operation and maintenance is rising dramatically. This bill will require a fair reimbursement for mileage for all state employees.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Scharnhorst.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Other testifying on the bill say the Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials did not revisit the issue in 2012, as was required by the constitution. This could have provided a remedy for mileage reimbursement to elected officials.

Testifying on the bill for informational purposes was David Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk of the House.