

HCS HB 209 -- CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: Conway (104)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on the Judiciary by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill increases the maximum amount of compensation paid for death, personal injury, or loss of earnings or support to crime victims from \$200 to \$400 per week. The bill allows a deceased victim's family to designate the funeral home as a claimant eligible for compensation, provided that the funeral home agrees to the designation.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will provide additional, needed support to victims of crime.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Conway (104); Colleen Coble, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic And Sexual Violence; and Ginger Steinmetz.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.