

HB 739 -- PUBLIC MASS TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX

SPONSOR: McCann Beatty

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Urban Issues by a vote of 6 to 0.

Currently, the part of the public mass transportation sales tax imposed by the City of Kansas City in excess of 7.5% expires on December 31, 2015. This bill removes the expiration date.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill only seeks parity with the City of St. Louis because the expiration date for the City of St. Louis was removed previously.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McCann Beatty; Michael Graham, Kansas City Area Transportation; Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; Missouri Public Transit Association; and Kansas City, Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.