

SB 20 -- SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR COMMERCIAL LAUNDRIES

SPONSOR: Kraus (Jones)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 7 to 3. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Financial Institutions and Taxation by a vote of 7 to 2.

This bill authorizes a state and local sales and use tax exemption for material, machinery, and energy used by commercial laundries in treating or cleaning textiles. The facility must process at least 500 pounds per hour and 60,000 pounds per week to qualify for the exemption.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that commercial laundries want to be treated similar to the manufacturing industry. The savings generated from this change would allow more investment in water saving systems. There are about 10 corporate laundries in Missouri that would qualify for this exemption.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Kraus; Jewell Patek, Logoize, LLC; Associated Industries of Missouri; and Mark Spence, Faultless Laundry.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.