

HB 1392 -- HOSPICE SURVEY REQUIREMENTS

SPONSOR: King

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Social Services by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, the Department of Health and Senior Services must survey every hospice at least once per year. This bill changes the requirement to once every three years.

This bill is the same as HB 1153 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that current hospice inspections are required to be performed annually by the department. The bill aligns inspections with incoming federal guidelines to conduct hospice inspections every three years. Inspections are not currently occurring annually due to fiscal constraints. The bill ensures continuity in inspection timing.

Testifying for the bill were Representative King and Jane Moore, Missouri Hospice And Palliative Care.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.