

HB 2095 with HCA 1 -- HIGHER EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Chipman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 12 to 1.

This bill requires any public institution of higher education to publish on their public website and in writing, at the time of acceptance or prior to registration, the estimated cost for each degree program offered, including required fees or expenses not included in the tuition.

This bill is similar to HB 1165 (2015).

HCA #1: This amendment adds language to require annual updating of information. It also allows the information to be sent electronically.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say this bill will help to promote transparency of university fees.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Chipman and Paul Wagner, Council On Public Higher Education.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others say the bill mentions, "communicated in writing." Not much is communicated to the modern college student in writing as almost everything is on-line or otherwise transmitted digitally.

Testifying on the bill was the Missouri State University.