

HB 737 -- HYDROELECTRIC POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT

SPONSOR: Redmon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill classifies certain hydroelectric power generating equipment as tangible personal property and requires that it be assessed at 1% of its true value in money.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014. Estimated Net Cost on Other State Funds of Unknown in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is needed because a large hydroelectric power plant project is interested in locating in Missouri but may not because it will have to pay a personal property tax rate of 33 1/3% on the purchase of more than 30 turbines. The project would be an economic boom to the area generating many new jobs. There are six hydroelectric power plants in Missouri that could qualify for this classification.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Redmon; John Spring, City of Quincy, Illinois; Michael Klingner, Klingner and Associates, PC; Phillip Geheb; and Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.