

HCS HB 566 -- PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

SPONSOR: King

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 7 to 1.

This bill authorizes the cities of Liberty and North Kansas City to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax of up to .5% solely for the purpose of improving the public safety of the city, including expenditures on equipment, salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire, and emergency medical providers.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the additional revenue is greatly needed, mostly to allow the municipality to provide competitive salaries for public safety personnel, to update equipment, and to hire additional personnel.

Testifying for the bill were Representative King; P. Michael Snider, City of Liberty; and Missouri State Council of Fire Fighters.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.