

HCS HB 1058 -- CLEAN WATER LAW

SPONSOR: Miller

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Agriculture by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill modifies the definition of "finding of affordability" to mean a statement by the Department of Natural Resources stating an individual or a household receives an income equal to or lower than the median household income for the applicant community and would be required to make unreasonable sacrifices in the essential lifestyle or spending patterns or undergo hardships in order to make the projected monthly payments for the sewer services.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill clarifies that the finding of affordability applies to both water and wastewater facilities and that the department should focus on median household income for the community, which would protect the residents of a community from rate increases that are beyond their ability to pay.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Miller; City Of Kansas City; Susan Myers, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District; and Steve Meyer, City Of Springfield.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.