

HB 1789 with HCA 1 -- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR STAFF

SPONSOR: Rone

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 1.

This bill provides that if a public administrator who handles 50 or more cases requests full-time staff, the staff must be paid for by the county or the City of St. Louis.

HCA #1: This amendment clarifies that, upon request, a public administrator who handles more than 50 cases must be provided with one full-time staff person for every increment or partial increment of 50 cases after the first 50 cases.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that there has been a huge shift in the clientele from primarily elderly persons to much younger persons with mental issues, so extra staff is really needed.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rone; Cathy D. Richards, Missouri Association Of Public Administrators; and Steve Farmer, Jefferson County.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.