

HB 2226 with HCA 1 -- SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPOINTEES

SPONSOR: Barnes

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill includes persons who meet the definition of the term "special executive branch appointee" in the classification "public official" for all purposes of Chapter 105, RSMo, including the expenditure reports filed by lobbyists for certain expenditures made on behalf of public officials.

Special executive branch appointees are defined as any member of any task force, advisory committee, or other body or persons appointed by, named by, or at the direction of an executive branch official, who is authorized or directed to report to the executive branch official for purposes of recommending policy, policy revisions, or executive actions that would involve the expenditure of public funds.

HCA 1: Explicit indication that public officials are included in the conflict of interest prohibitions under Section 105.452.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will increase the coverage of reporting provisions and ensure public transparency regarding lobbyist interactions with executive officials.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Barnes.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.