

HCS HB 1524 -- OFF-LABEL DRUG USE

SPONSOR: Neely

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill allows a pharmaceutical manufacturer to engage the truthful promotion of an off-label use of a drug, biological product, or device.

No state official shall prohibit or prosecute a pharmaceutical manufacturer for engaging in the truthful promotion of an off-label use of a drug, biological product, or device, and no state agency shall take action against the license of a pharmaceutical manufacturer, health care facility, or physician for engaging in the truthful promotion of an off-label use of a drug, biological product, or device.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will empower patients to be able to try medications that may be helpful. The off-label promotion of a medication can only be for medication that is approved by the FDA.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Neely; The Abigail Alliance for Better Access to Developmental Drugs; Wayne Lee; and the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.