

HB 2044 -- LOCAL GOVERNMENT RETIREMENT

SPONSOR: Taylor

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Pensions by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill will allow a metropolitan planning organization organized under 23 U.S.C. Section 134 and designated by the Governor to be considered a political subdivision of the state and allow them to be eligible for membership in the Missouri local government employees' retirement system.

This bill is the same as HB 933 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will allow employees of metropolitan planning organizations to be able to become members of the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System for retirement benefits. This will help in recruiting and retaining employees.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Taylor; Sara Fields, Ozarks Transportation Organization; Natasha Longpine, Ozark Transportation Organization; Sonny Sanders, City of Jefferson/Campo; and the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (Lagers).

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.