

HCS HB 2186 -- PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Toalson Reisch

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill adds certain cities to the list of cities authorized to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax of up to .05% for public safety purposes, including expenditures on equipment, city employee salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire and emergency medical providers. The sales tax must be reconsidered every 10 years.

Currently, the only additional city described is Centralia.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that they would like to hire a school resource officer.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Toalson Reisch and L.A. Dudgeon, Centralia Police.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.