

HCS HB 842 -- HISTORIC BUILDINGS

SPONSOR: Griffith

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 6 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill creates the "Capitol Complex Fund," and authorizes it to receive any eligible monetary donation, as defined in the bill, and segregates the fund into two accounts: a rehabilitation and renovation account consisting of 90% of revenue generated, and a maintenance account consisting of 7.5% of revenue generated. The remaining 2.5% of the funds may be used for the purposes of fundraising, advertising, and administrative costs.

The choice of projects for which money is to be used, as well as the determination of the methods of carrying out the project and the procurement of goods and services, will be made by the Commissioner of Administration. Moneys will not be released from the fund for any expense without the approval of the Commissioner of Administration.

For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, any qualified donor, as defined in the bill, will be allowed a credit against any state income tax, except employer withheld taxes, or state taxes imposed on financial institutions for an amount equal to 50% of the monetary donation amount. Any amount of tax credit that exceeds the qualified donor's state income tax liability may be refunded or carried forward for the following four years.

For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, a qualified donor will be allowed a credit against any state income tax, except employer withheld taxes, or state taxes imposed on financial institutions for an amount equal to 30% of the value of the eligible artifact donation, as defined in the bill. Any amount of tax credit that exceeds the donor's tax liability will not be refunded for artifacts, but the credit may be carried forward for four subsequent years.

The Department of Economic Development must not issue tax credits for donations to the Capitol Complex Fund in excess of \$10 million per year in the aggregate. Donations received in excess of the cap will be placed in line for tax credits the following year. Alternatively, a donor may donate without receiving the credit or may request that their donation is returned.

Tax credits issued for donations under this bill are not subject to

the payment of any fee under Section 620.1900, RSMo. Tax credits issued under this bill may be assigned, transferred, sold, or otherwise conveyed.

This bill will sunset August 28, 2025 unless reauthorized by the General Assembly (Section 620.3210).

This bill is the same as SB 255 (2019).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will allow the state to leverage private donations in order to rehabilitate, renovate, and maintain the capitol complex. It has also been claimed that this bill will save the state money because 50% of the costs of maintaining the capitol complex will come from private donors, and those associated costs will not have to be considered in the budget process.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Griffith; Missouri State Capitol Commission; and Jim Wisch.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.