

HJR 124 -- HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Knight

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 6 to 2.

Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment would dissolve the Highways and Transportation Commission, and put the Department of Transportation under the charge of the Director of the Department of Transportation appointed by the Governor, and give the department the authority currently invested in the commission.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this will allow the Director of the Department of Transportation to cut through all the red tape that exists of the State Highways and Transportation Commission.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Knight.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that it puts too much power in the director.

Testifying against the bill was the Construction Employees Coalition.