

HCS HB 549 -- PROBATION AND PAROLE

SPONSOR: Christofanelli

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 549.

This bill modifies provisions relating to the parole board by updating board and division titles. Certain crimes are referred to as offenses and an outdated Section, 217.660, RSMo, is repealed from law.

The Chairperson of the Parole Board is renamed the "Chair" and granted authority to employ additional employees to carry out his or her responsibilities.

This bill is similar to HB 2170 (2020).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill clarifies the separation of the Board of Probation and Parole's functions and the Department of Corrections. It is a technical fix to 42 different sections of law in accordance with prior legislation.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Christofanelli; and the Missouri Department of Corrections.

OPPONENTS:

Testifying against the bill was Arnie C. Dienoff who provided written testimony.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.