

HCS HB 1212 -- FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

SPONSOR: Francis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 2.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1212.

This bill establishes the "Joint Committee on Federal Government Oversight". The purpose of the Committee is to review any executive orders issued by the President of the United States and make recommendations to the Attorney General and the Governor whether further examination is needed to determine the constitutionality of the executive orders, or whether the state should seek an exemption from the application of the orders.

The Committee shall consist of five members from the Senate, chosen by the President Pro Tem and five members from the House of Representatives, chosen by the Speaker.

This bill also states that all state agencies and political subdivisions are prohibited from implementing an executive order that restricts a person's Constitutional rights or that is determined by the Attorney General to be unconstitutional if the order relates to specified types of regulation.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this Committee will help review how federal executive orders impact Missouri. The bill protects Missouri by recommending the Attorney General go to federal court to fight the executive order if there are adverse consequences for Missouri.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Francis; and Arnie C. Dienoff.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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.