

HB 2209 -- PARKING FEES ON PUBLIC STREETS

SPONSOR: Hurlbert

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 7 to 5. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 5.

This bill prohibits the state, any political subdivision of the state, and any other entity that receives public funds, from establishing, levying, maintaining, or collecting any fee for parking on any public street, and prohibits the use of any mechanical or electronic device to receive funds for such a fee including on-street parking meters. Fees for off-street parking are not prohibited.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that tax payers already pay for the roads and shouldn't have to pay more to park on them. Supporters also say parking fees can discourage people from going to businesses with meters in front of them.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hurlbert and Arnie C. AC Dienoff.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that this would take away a source of revenue that cities use for maintenance and other expenses. Opponents also say meters help parking management.

Testifying against the bill were City Of Kansas City; Missouri Municipal League; and Missouri Municipal League.

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.