

HB 246 -- STREET PARKING FEES

SPONSOR: Hurlbert

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency and Downsizing by a vote of 9 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 5 to 1.

This bill prohibits the state and any political subdivision from establishing or collecting any fee for parking on any public street.

This bill is the same as HB 2209 (2022).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the parking meter is an outdated method of funding infrastructure that often generates negative revenue and is no longer necessary in a modern society.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Hurlbert.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that parking meters aren't designed to generate revenue, but rather to control the flow of traffic in public areas of high need. Business owners don't want to have to create and enforce their own parking rules near their establishments. Parking meters contribute to a public service that enhances the wellbeing of the community.

Testifying in person against the bill were Municipal League Of Metro STL; Missouri Municipal League; Carrie Tergin; and the City of Kansas City.

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