

HB 711 -- TRAIN SIGNALS

SPONSOR: Buchheit-Courtway

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation Infrastructure by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Regulatory Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill includes "on-track equipment" in the traffic regulations concerning the requirement to stop for trains at railroad crossings.

This bill is similar to HB 2417 (2022).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this simply updates current law.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Buchheit-Courtway; BMWED; and the Missouri Railroad Association.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that it does not help safety at all. If railroads followed the rules, no one would get hurt.

Testifying in person against the bill was Steven Groves.

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.