

HB 272 -- MO HEALTHNET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

SPONSOR: Kirkton

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Health Care Policy by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill increases the number of members on the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee from 18 to 19 by adding a licensed or registered nurse who cares for participants receiving benefits under MO HealthNet.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROponents: Supporters of the bill say that adding a nurse to the committee will provide a good and valuable perspective to the board for decision-making purposes. There are more nurses in this state than physicians, yet they are not currently represented on the board. The nurse member will provide a patient/consumer focus perspective that will be a benefit to the board.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kirkton; Missouri Nurses Association; and Courtney Wallace.

OPponents: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.