

HB 678 -- EXCAVATION NOTIFICATION CENTERS

SPONSOR: Schatz

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation Funding and Public Institutions by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill extends, from December 31, 2011, to December 31, 2014, the requirement that the State Highways and Transportation Commission be a notification center participant regarding excavation involving underground facilities.

The provision is removed which requires the notification center to ask excavators, as part of the process to request the locating and marking of underground facilities, to identify whether or not the proposed excavation will be on a public right-of-way or easement dedicated to public use for vehicular traffic.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the Missouri One Call System is vital to public safety and it is important that the Department of Transportation continues to participate in the center.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schatz; Site Improvement Association; Construction Employers Coalition; and Missouri One Call System, Incorporated.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.