

HCS HB 1647 -- COLLECTION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE FEES

SPONSOR: Schad (Riddle)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "do pass - not consent" by the Committee on Rules.

Currently, the collection of fees for hazardous waste in the workplace, which fund the Missouri Emergency Response Commission, is authorized until August 28, 2012. This substitute extends the authorization until August 28, 2018.

Beginning January 1, 2013, any employer required to report hazardous substances, known as Tier II filers, may request the commission to distribute the report to the local emergency planning committees and fire departments by paying a \$10 fee for each facility listed which cannot be applied to the employer's fee cap. The fee is to be deposited into the Chemical Emergency Preparedness Fund.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. Estimated Net Income on Other State Funds of \$665,020 in FY 2013, \$798,024 in FY 2014, and \$798,024 in FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the fees are used to provide vital hazardous materials planning and training for local response agencies. The bill extends the collection of the fees that have been in place for 20 years without any increase.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Riddle; Dawn Warren, Missouri Emergency Response Commission; Missouri Fire Service Alliance; and Office of the Missouri State Fire Marshal.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.