

HCS HB 1465 -- LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

SPONSOR: Hunter

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety by a vote of 7 to 6.

This substitute requires labor unions not subject to the federal Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act to publicly disclose information concerning their finances. Labor unions are required to disclose:

- (1) Assets including cash, accounts receivable, loans receivable, United States treasury securities, investments, and other assets;
- (2) Liabilities including accounts payable, loans payable, mortgages, and other liabilities;
- (3) Cash receipts from sources including dues, fees, sales, interest, rent, and dividends;
- (4) Cash disbursements including negotiation, administration, organization, lobbying, political, benefits, overhead, gifts, and contributions; and
- (5) Membership status including active, inactive, associate, apprentice, retired, and others.

Fines and penalties for noncompliance are specified.

These provisions mirror the federal Lundrum-Griffin Act.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$0 in FY 2007, \$0 to Unknown in FY 2008, and \$0 to Unknown in FY 2009. Unknown expected to be less than \$100,000. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill provides union members with a clear, in-depth view of all union expenditures, debts, income sources, and the financial status of their pensions.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hunter; and Associated Industries of Missouri.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that this required information is already provided to the federal government, making the bill's requirements redundant.

Testifying against the bill were Missouri AFL-CIO; United

Steelworkers of America, District 11; Communications Workers of America; United Auto Workers, Missouri State Cap Council; Missouri State Council of Firefighters; Joe Schulte, United Steelworkers-Local 11-6; and Associated Grocers.

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