

HCS HB 1559 -- DONATION OF CANNED OR PERISHABLE FOOD

SPONSOR: Roark (Cunningham, 86)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on General Laws by a vote of 6 to 0.

This substitute adds grocery and convenience stores to the list of donors that in good faith can donate any canned or perishable food to a bonafide charity or nonprofit organization for free distribution without being subject to a criminal penalty or civil damages arising from the condition of the food, unless an injury is caused by the gross negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct of the donor.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow businesses to give away good food without the worry of liability just as restaurants currently are allowed.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cunningham (86); and Missouri Grocers Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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