

SCS SB 1105 -- INCOME TAX CHECK-OFF FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

SPONSOR: Coleman (Faith)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Tax Reform by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute creates a check-off on the Missouri individual and corporate income tax forms for contributions to the Breast Cancer Awareness Trust Fund. The funds will be transferred to the Friends of the Missouri Women's Council to be used solely for providing breast cancer services.

The provisions of the substitute will expire six years from the effective date.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill helps with breast cancer awareness. Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women and is second only to lung cancer in cancer deaths in Missouri and the United States. Breast cancer can be treated if caught early. Money will be collected on the tax return with a check-off for donations. The funds will be used solely for providing breast cancer services including, but not limited to, screening, mammograms, treatment, staging, and follow-up services.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Coleman; and Mary Cottom, Missouri Women's Council.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.