

HCS HB 622 -- COURT RECORDS FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES

SPONSOR: Stevenson (Roorda)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 14 to 0.

Currently, a victim of sexual assault, domestic assault, stalking, or forcible rape is protected from being identified by having his or her name redacted from the public record prior to disclosure to the public if the information could compromise the welfare or safety of the victim of the crime. This substitute specifies that the perpetrator's identifying information cannot be redacted.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will close a loophole that allows these offenders to remove their identifying information from the court records.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Roorda; and Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.