

HCS HB 661 -- TIRE DISPOSAL

SPONSOR: Ruzicka

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute changes the laws regarding the disposal of tires. In its main provisions, the substitute:

- (1) Extends the expiration date for the fee for tire disposal collected under Section 260.273, RSMo, from January 1, 2010, to January 1, 2020;
- (2) Increases from 5% to 45% the maximum funding from tire fees for grants to those using products, fuel, or fuel supplements derived from waste tires;
- (3) Increases from 25% to 50% the maximum funding from the tire fees for the administration of various tire-related programs;
- (4) Allows charitable, fraternal, and nonprofit organizations that voluntarily clean up land and water resources to be reimbursed if funds are available for the disposal of scrap tires collected during these activities and allows, subject to the availability of funds, municipal and county governments that voluntarily clean up illegal tire dumps to be reimbursed for the disposal costs of scrap tires;
- (5) Removes the provision requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2009, on the status of tire cleanup projects completed or in progress; and
- (6) Specifies that coal fired electric generating facilities are not considered to be a scrap tire site or solid waste disposal area.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill helps continue tire clean up. It is important that proper tire disposal occurs. The bill extends provisions which have resulted in the proper disposal of 15,000,000 tires.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ruzicka; Missouri Retailers Association; Department of Natural Resources; Kyna Iman, Missouri Conservation and Environmental Alliance; Conservation Federation of Missouri; Paul Lewis, Alternative Fuel

Source; and Chris Smith, ABC Tire.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.