

SS SB 366 -- REBUILD INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Lamping (Flanigan)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Economic Development by a vote of 20 to 0.

REBUILD DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

This substitute creates the Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure Program to provide funding for the reconstruction, replacement, or renovation of or repair to, any infrastructure damaged by a presidentially declared natural disaster in this state, including, but not limited to, the physical components of interrelated systems providing essential commodities and services to the public including transportation, communication, sewage, water, and electric systems as well as public elementary and secondary school buildings. On July 1, 2013, \$10 million funds from the Insurance-Dedicated Fund, the balance in the Lewis and Clark Discovery Fund, \$200,000 from the Department of Revenue Information Fund, and \$4 million from the Missouri Health and Educational Facilities Authority Act must be transferred to the newly created Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure Fund solely for the purposes of the program. Any moneys in excess of \$15 million in the Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure Fund must be transferred into the General Revenue Fund. Also, on July 1, 2013, \$2.8 million from the Department of Revenue Information Fund must be transferred to the state General Revenue Fund. Beginning July 1, 2014, \$500,000 from the Insurance-Dedicated Fund must be transferred in the General Revenue Fund annually.

The Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure Program and Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure Fund will expire on June 30, 2014.

TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF AGENCIES

The substitute authorizes a state and local sales and use tax exemption and a transient guest tax exemption for purchases made by a person as part of a disaster relief service if payment is made by a nongovernmental agencies as part of a disaster relief service.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will help areas hit by major disasters recover and rebuild its infrastructure. The Department of Revenue has agreed to not require relief service agencies to pay taxes when they are helping with a disaster relief effort.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Flanigan on behalf of Senator Lamping; Missouri Hospital Association; City of Joplin; American Red Cross-Missouri Chapter.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.