

HB 1616 -- COUNTY HOSPITAL TRUSTEES

SPONSOR: Muntzel

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill permits, with the consent of both counties' trustees, the trustees in Boone County and Cooper County to:

- (1) Operate, maintain, and manage a hospital and hospital facilities and make and enter into contracts for the use, operation, or management of a hospital or hospital facilities;
- (2) Engage in health care activities; or
- (3) Make and enter into a lease of equipment and real property, a hospital or hospital facilities, as lessor or lessee, regardless of the duration of the lease.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will help maintain rural hospitals, save money, and promote efficiency.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Muntzel; BJC Healthcare; Boone County Hospital Board of Trustees; and Missouri Hospital Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.