

HB 571 -- FEES FOR EXPLOSIVES USE

SPONSOR: Engler

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

Currently, the authorized fee for explosives use cannot exceed \$2 per ton. This bill increases the limit to \$7.50 per ton. The fee established by rule cannot exceed the cost of administering the Missouri Blasting Safety Act.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this allows for a reasonable increase to account for administrative oversight.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Engler; Missouri Limestone Producers Association; and Edward Twehous, Twehous Excavating Company, Inc..

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that the Division of Fire Safety, within the Department of Public Safety, does have administrative costs associated with overseeing the provisions of the Act.

Testifying on the bill was William Zieres, Missouri Division of Fire Safety.