

HB 794 -- MISSOURI VETERANS' COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Walker (3)

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

This bill adds a 10th member to the Missouri Veterans' Commission. Such member must be a veteran who is enrolled full-time as a student in a state college or university. The member serves a one-year term and must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will show student veterans that Missouri values their service and their opinion by adding a representative on the Missouri Veterans' Commission. A student member would also bring a different perspective than current commissioners.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Walker; Eric Anthes, Student Veterans Association; Dewey Riehn, Missouri Association of Veterans' Organizations; and Pat Rowe Kerr.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill explained that there is currently one ex officio member of the commission.

Testifying on the bill was Larry Kay, Missouri Veterans Commission.