

HB 1247 -- DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

SPONSOR: Pike

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass- Consent" by the Consent and House Procedure Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill designates the month of November as "Diabetes Awareness Month" and encourages Missourians to participate in appropriate activities and events to increase awareness of diabetes.

This bill is the same as HB 28 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the prevalence of diabetes in Missouri is above the national average with over 650,000 Missourians having diabetes. This bill would bring awareness to the disease and some lifestyle changes that may help stop or delay onset of diabetes.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pike; Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; Candance Gabel, University of Missouri - Extension; Cerner Corporation; Missouri State Alliance of YMCA's; Missouri State Medical Association; Elizabeth Foss, JDRF of Greater MO; and Ethan Foss.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.