

HCS HB 1720 -- DONATED FIRE EQUIPMENT

SPONSOR: Kolkmeier

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill adds any company or organization to the list of entities against which there can be no cause of action if certain conditions are met for donation of fire equipment and it adds fire training academy to the list of receiving entities. The current conditions for fire protection donation are repealed and the bill specifies that the only condition is that the donor agency inform the recipient in writing of any defects, about which the donor knows, in the equipment or clothing.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that there is a lot of fire equipment that gets trashed because it cannot be donated. There are fire departments all over the state that struggle and the ability to receive donated equipment would help significantly.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kolkmeier and Tim Bean, Division of Fire Safety.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.