

HCS HB 266 -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SPONSOR: Muntzel

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill establishes the designation of "Missouri Historical Theater" for theaters that meet specified criteria, including being a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, performance history, and contribution to tourism and arts promotion.

The Missouri State Council for the Arts, within the Department of Economic Development, shall administer the program as specified in the bill and may charge a fee to cover the costs of the program.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this will be good vehicle to help promote and recognize Missouri's historic theaters.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Muntzel; Brad Jones; Doug Crews, The Lyceum Theatre; Missouri Citizens for the Arts and Missouri Humanities Council; and Missouri School Board Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.