

HCS HB 2165 -- RETIREMENT MODOT, HIGHWAY PATROL

SPONSOR: Ross

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

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2165.

This bill changes the membership on the Department of Transportation (MoDot) and Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees by lowering the number of members on the board from the Highways and Transportation Commission from three to one.

The terms of the active employee representatives serving on the board on August 28, 2020, shall continue until June 30, 2023. All terms of elected active employee representatives shall be for four years after June 30, 2023.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will make the board of the MoDot and highway patrol retirement system more fair representation. The current make-up of the board has the MoDot director along with three MoDot commissioners as compared to only the superintendent of the patrol. Equal and levelized representation has become more important this year.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ross; and the Missouri State Troopers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say there needs to be a change to offset when some terms of the members of the board end. We have several active employee representatives serving on the board and their terms end at the same time which leaves a big learning curve for the new members.

Testifying on the bill were Missouri Trooper Association; and the Missouri Department Of Transportation.