

HCS HB 2702 -- HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Knight

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 6 to 2.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2702.

This bill dissolves the State Highways and Transportation Commission, and vests the powers and duties specified in Chapters 226 and 227, RSMo in the Director of the Department of Transportation. The bill repeals all instances of the phrase "highways and transportation commission" in Missouri law and replaces it with "Department of Transportation".

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 will allow the Director of the Department of Transportation to cut through all the red tape that exists of the State Highways and Transportation Commission.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Knight.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that it puts too much power in the director.

Testifying against the bill was the Construction Employees Coalition.