

HCS HJR 35 -- STATE TREASURER INVESTMENTS

SPONSOR: Griesheimer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Financial Institutions by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HJR 35.

Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment would authorize the State Treasurer to invest certain funds not necessary for current expenses in obligations of the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof maturing and becoming payable not more than seven years from the date of purchase, municipal securities possessing one of the five highest long term ratings or the highest short term rating issued by a nationally recognized rating agency and maturing and becoming payable not more than five years from the date of purchase, and may also invest in other reasonable and prudent financial instruments and securities as otherwise provided by law.

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 the current Constitutional requirements for investing of certain state funds prevents the Treasurer from being able to invest in higher interest bearing investments. Additionally, supporters say that this legislation would allow the Treasurer to invest in higher interest earning investments while still preventing risky investments.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Griesheimer; Scott Fitzpatrick, State Treasurer's Office; and Arnie Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.