

HB 1594 -- MOTOR FUEL

SPONSOR: Walsh (50)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Government Oversight by a vote of 8 to 2.

Currently, an additional tax on motor fuel began with 2.5 cents in October 2021, and will increase by 2.5 cents in each fiscal year until reaching an additional 12.5 cents per gallon on July 1, 2025.

This bill repeals this and the subsequent motor fuel tax increases in current law along with the tax exemption for the motor fuel and the refund associated with the exemption.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will give citizens relieve at the gas pump since they are already dealing with the impact of inflation. There are other funds that can be utilized to improved the infrastructure. The current statute has an impractical record keeping component and may have been implemented in violation of the Constitution.

Written testimony was also submitted in support for this bill.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Walsh; Angela Branstetter; Angela Good; Ann Smith; Anthony Detommaso; Anthony Vonderhaar; Barbra Lynn Whittington; Becky Parrish; Becky Woods; Bev Ehlen; Beverley Fries; Brandon Rodriguez; Brian Binkley; Brittnay Ritter; Carol Pitzer; Carole Harrus; Carole Zumwalt; Cheryl Bates; Cheryl Bohl; Chris Courter; Chris Mohesky; Christina Tonsing; Clif Ehlen; Cynthia Davis; Dallas Register; Daniel Mark Ponder; Darlene Slattery; Darlene Smith; David Murphy; Dean Moore; Delois E Warlick; Denise White; Elizabeth S Thoma; Erin Good; Francine Dirnberger; Geri Thwing; Glenda Olivio; Grace Bellante; Hannah Huff; Haven Howard; Heather Michelle Dietz; Holliger Robert F.; Ike Achevers; J Diane Packingham; James C. Meyer (Jim Meyer); James L. Pelis; Janet Hennessey; Jason Davidson; Jason Sears; Jeffrey Brooks; Jenna Courter; Jennell Houts; Jennifer Gore; Jennifer Mohesky; Jennifer O'Reilly; Jennifer Wilken; Jim Frago; Johanna Beaudean; John Webb; Jud Sofka, Missouri Precinct Project/MOPP; Judith Moorefield; Judy Coover; Julie Burgess; Kate Stratton; Katherine Cook; Kathy Place; Kevin Wilhite; Kristen Cron; Kristen Hackler; Laine Jeep; Linda J Tillinghast; Linda Yeager; Lisa Jones; Louis Lesinski; Malissa Shawley; Mary Laffoon; Mary Y Sparks; Matthew Arri; Michele Elizabeth Moore; Mike Taylor; Missi Ferguson; Nancy Danner; Nathaniel Smith; Nicholas Manford; Nicole Olszewski; Paula Hardin; Renee Gray Jimenez; Roger A. Fries; Ron Swift; Rose Dunn; Ruth Diane Lyon; Sabra Li; Sally Brooks; Sandra

Eno; Seth A Smith; Shanna Gratzner; Sharlee Lawless; Sharon Williams; Sheila Rodriguez; Steven Gillaspay; Sturdy Farms; Susan Taylor; Susanne Boehm; Teresa Stone; Tracy Forker; Vicki L Pederson; Walter Olszewski; Wayne Houts; Whitney Manford; Joyce; Tim Calkin; Donna Harms; Nelia Aubuchon; Noreen Mccann; Robina Williams; Arnie C. Dienoff; Jeremy Cady, Americans For Prosperity; Mary Ann Hainen; Mary Haley; Matthew Robert Casciano; Terry Sontag; Frederick S Berry; Margaret Christine Yaudas; Miranda Russell; Deborah Ann Hawkes; Bev Ehlen, Warren Country Republican Committee; Joyce Mcintosh; Mitchell Hubbard; Rachel Blackmore; and Jamie Mendoza.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that this bill will cut off an ongoing investment in infrastructure. The benefit of the gas tax increase is worth the cost. The infrastructure needs to be improved and fixed immediately.

Written testimony was also submitted in opposition for this bill.

Testifying against the bill were Aaron McVicker; Andrew Baker; Autumn Bellew; Bob Gilbert; Bobby Redmer; Bonnie Macalmon; Buddy Desai; Carrie Jenks; Cassandra Redman; Christopher Smith; Craig Lovely; Dan Kleinsorge, Missouri Limestone Producers Association; Dane M Seiler; Daniel Dearmond; David Kasprzyk; David L Loomes; David Wiebke; Diana Ijames; Douglas Scoggins; Ed Alizadeh; Elaine Nauma; Elisa Sandvoss; Frank Weatherford; Gary D Strack; Greg O'Connor, Farnsworth Group Inc.; Harold D. Waelder II; Howard Rifenburg; Howard Gotschall; Jaime Perreca; James B. Kinealy; James F Danner; Jay Taff; Jesse Jonas, American Concrete Pavement Association; Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, Mo; Jim Lohse; Joe Heibel; John Frago; Joseph F. Mueller, P.E.; Joseph G. Hagerty, Oates Associates, Inc.; Julia Lesinski; Julie Byers; Kendra Christine; Kerry Chapman; Kimberly Scott; Lauren Hawse; Linda Moen; Louis Landwehr, Winter-Dent and Company; Lyle K Hardin; Marilyn E. Kuehn; Mary Paula Abeln; Massimo Perreca; Matt Morrow, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce; Matthew Voss; Michael Erdtmann; Michael Hartman, Missouri Petroleum Products Company, LLC; Michelle Gammill; Michelle Hankins; Mike Bross; Mohammad Munir; American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri; Neil Brady; Nikki Conley; Associated Industries of Missouri; Missouri Transportation and Development Council; Rhonda Shrimpton; Robert A Budnik; Rod V Reid, Shepherd Hills Factory Outlets; Ron Meskis, American Highway; Sam Tapko; Sandy Vaeth; Sara J Fields, Ozarks Transportation Organization; Scott Harding, Sci Engineering; Shanda Gianladis; Shelley L Dorr; Shelly Link; Stephen G. Hilderbrand; Stephen Hicks; Steve Halter; Steve Schultz; Steven R. Donahue, Horner & Shifrin, Inc.; Sue Hellebusch; Terri; Terry Pyatt; Thomas K. Poer; Timothy Losito; Timothy R. Nugent; Todd Kempker; Tom Beck; Trey Bowen; Trudy L Meyers; Vicki Morris, Morris Shoreside

Enterprises, Inc.; D/B/A Holiday Hills Marina; Missouri Trucking Association; Andrew Lacroix; Mike Schilling; Brian Hammons; Carl R Jansen; Dale Williams, Missouri Asphalt Pavement Association; David Montgomery, Coastal Energy Corporation; FMC Transport Inc.; Associated General Contractors of Missouri; Donald Rosenbarger, Delta Companies Inc.; Joseph C Rickman; Maureen Ottinger; Travis Cossey; Missouri Municipal League; David Snyder; Dennis Bogle; American Subcontractors Association - Midwest Council; Bryan Boyce; Denise Latorre; Jason Matthew Zamkus, Missouri Association Of Realtors; Missouri Corn Growers Association; Silver Dollar City, Inc.; The Northeast Missouri Economic Development Council; Jeremy Bennett, Site Improvement Association; Kelly Sexterp; Margo Layton; Matthew Nelson; Missouri Concrete Association; Richard J Biermann Jr; Steve Jackson, West Contracting Company; Sullivan Asphalt and Construction Company; Stewart Parker; Eric Stephen Landwehr; Isaiah Edward Aldrich; John Jenks, The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; Bonnie Prigge; Chris Linneman; Kyle Loyd; Laurel Hulme; Sherri Lynn Stechmann; Bob Brinkman, Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission; Patrick Mckenna, Missouri Department of Transportation; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Missourians For Transportation Investment; Sallye Fagala; Scott J. Smith; and Timothy Noud.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill submitted written testimony.

Testifying on the bill were Anita Mahan and Elias Tsapelas.

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.