

HCS HB 2291 -- PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Reedy

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 11 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2291.

This bill authorizes certain cities, upon voter approval, to impose a sales tax of up to 0.5% on all retail sales for the purpose of improving public safety, including but not limited to expenditures on equipment, city employee salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire and emergency medical providers. The funds from the tax must supplement the public safety budget and not replace it.

Upon enactment, this authorization will include the cities of Branson West, Clinton, and Lincoln.

This bill is the same as SB 743 (2022).

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 public safety fields need this money to attract more officers and to purchase equipment.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Reedy.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that they are opposed to new taxes of every kind.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie C. Dienoff.

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.