

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Veterans, Military and Homeland Security** recommends **HB 2580** be amended on page 1, in line 11, by striking all after (b); by striking all in lines 12 through 19; in line 20, by striking all before the period and inserting:

"When a regional emergency response team contracting with the state fire marshal pursuant to subsection (a) is activated to respond to a hazardous materials or search and rescue incident caused by a negligent or willful act or omission, the party responsible for the incident shall be liable to the state fire marshal for the reasonable and necessary costs of the response. In the case of an incident caused by a natural disaster, a party shall not be liable for the costs of the response unless that party's acts or omissions contributed to or aggravated the incident.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term "hazardous materials" means any material defined as a hazardous substance under 29 C.F.R. § 1910.120(a)(3), as in effect on the effective date of this act, or any later version adopted by the state fire marshal in rules and regulations";

Also on page 1, in line 22, by striking "subsections" and inserting "subsection"; also in line 22, by striking "and (c)"; in line 23, after "act" by inserting "after notice and an opportunity for a hearing"; in line 29, by striking "and may recover any cost of collection, including reasonable"; in line 30, by striking "attorney fees"; in line 31, after "(e)" by inserting:

"(1) The state fire marshal shall appoint a hazardous materials advisory committee and a search and rescue advisory committee to provide input and assistance to the emergency response program and act as advisors to the state fire marshal and director of the emergency response division.

(2) (A) The hazardous materials advisory committee shall be comprised of one member from each hazardous materials response region, one representative from the Kansas division of emergency management, one representative from the Kansas national guard/civil support team, one representative from the Kansas fire and rescue training institute and one representative from the Kansas department of health and environment.

(B) The search and rescue advisory committee shall be comprised of one member from each search and rescue region, one representative from the Kansas division of emergency management, one representative from the Kansas national guard/crisis city, one representative from the Kansas fire and rescue training institute and one representative from the Kansas search and rescue dog association.

(3) The committees shall meet periodically as determined by the state fire marshal. Advisory committee members attending meetings of such committees shall be paid per diem compensation and subsistence allowances, mileage and other reasonable and necessary expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

(f)";

And the bill be passed as amended.

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Chairperson