

HCS HB 1840 -- RICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

SPONSOR: Munzlinger (Wright)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Agri-Business by a vote of 12 to 0.

This substitute changes the membership of the Rice Advisory Council to require certain members to be employed as or by a rice handler and as or by an end user of rice.

The Missouri Rice Certification Fund is created consisting of fees collected by the Department of Agriculture to be used for the sampling and testing of rice.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the changes in the membership of the council are necessary to gain the valuable input of end users of rice.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wright; and Greg Yielding, Missouri Rice Council.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.