

SCS SB 1008 -- GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGRICULTURAL  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SPONSOR: Klindt (Myers)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on  
Agriculture Policy by a vote of 17 to 1.

This substitute establishes the Governor's Advisory Council on  
Agricultural Science and Technology consisting of five members  
appointed by the Governor. The council will be required to:

- (1) Apprise the Governor of new developments in science and  
technology;
- (2) Identify the state's long-term needs regarding science and  
technology;
- (3) Provide scientific inquiry into regulatory matters upon  
request by the Governor;
- (4) Identify potential economic opportunities for the state in  
the plant biotechnology industry; and
- (5) Apprise the Governor of new developments in forestry  
technologies.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$5,100 in  
FY 2007, \$5,253 in FY 2008, and \$5,411 in FY 2009. No impact on  
Other State Funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is necessary to keep  
the Governor apprised of new technologies and their effect on  
agriculture, Missouri's number one industry.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Clemens; and Missouri  
Soybean Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Roland Tackett, Legislative Analyst