

HCS HB 1324 -- RIGHT TO RAISE LIVESTOCK

SPONSOR: Loehner

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 14 to 0.

This substitute affirms the right of citizens to raise livestock in a manner adhering to state and local laws and ordinances as enacted on August 28, 2012, or at the commencement of operations, whichever is later.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill protects the agriculture industry in Missouri and farmers from the burdens of new laws and regulations and assures a person that he or she will be able to continue to raise livestock in the current manner in the face of new and changing requirements.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Loehner; Missouri Farm Bureau; Missouri Pork Association; Missouri Cattlemen's Association; Poultry Federation; Missouri Family Network; and Jeff Halzaleus, Livestock Marketing Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.