

HCS HB 1363 -- EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK AT FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS

SPONSOR: Loehner (Schieffer)

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

This substitute requires the Missouri State Fair Commission and the governing bodies of all national, state, and local fairs and expositions that include the exhibition of livestock to permit all qualifying 4-H and Future Farmers of America members to exhibit livestock at the fair or exposition.

The substitute also requires the Missouri State Fair Commission and the governing bodies of all national, state and local fairs, expositions, and pet shows that include the exhibition of livestock or domestic animals to permit livestock breeders and domestic animal owners to exhibit livestock and animals at its fair, exposition, or pet show in Missouri.

The State Fair Commission or the governing body has the authority to establish rules and fees for participation in its individual events.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill protects the right of Missouri youth to show livestock at fairs and exhibitions.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schieffer; Missouri Farm Bureau; Missouri Cattlemen's Association; Missouri Farmers Care; and Missouri Pet Breeders Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill had concerns that the organization hosting the event needs to have the ability to set reasonable qualifications in order to participate in an event.

Testifying on the bill was Department of Agriculture.