

HCS HB 1364 -- RODEOS

SPONSOR: Loehner (Schieffer)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "do pass - not consent" by the Committee on Rules.

This substitute guarantees the right to conduct and participate in rodeos and prohibits any law, ordinance, or rule restricting the conducting of or participating in rodeos in Missouri, except any reasonable restrictions regarding time, place, and manner consistent with other similar events. Promoters of rodeos have the authority to establish fees and set rules for their events.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that efforts to stop rodeos are becoming more aggressive. The bill protects a person's right to conduct or participate in a rodeo.

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

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that the local municipalities need the authority to set reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner in which a rodeo can be conducted.

Testifying against the bill was Missouri Municipal League.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill expressed concerns that participants need to be qualified to take part in a rodeo.

Testifying on the bill was Department of Agriculture.