

HB 1408 -- ORGAN DONOR RECOGNITION DAY

SPONSOR: Walton Gray

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 15 to 0.

This bill designates July 3 of each year as "Organ Donor Recognition Day" and recommends that Missourians participate in activities which will increase awareness of organ donation.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill sets a day each year to recognize the importance of organ donation. There are currently over 100,000 Americans waiting for an organ transplant and thousands die each year waiting for a transplant.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Walton Gray.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.