

HB 1537 -- Show-Me Harvest Initiative

Sponsor: Burlison

This bill establishes the Show-Me Harvest Initiative which allows persons or entities to submit bids to the Department of Transportation to mow grass or vegetation along state roadways using the person's or entity's own equipment. In addition to receiving monetary compensation for the work, the person or entity will receive hay rights for the portion of the roadway in the contract.

The department may enter into contracts with persons or entities to plant and harvest switchgrass or other grasses or produce approved by the department on the right-of-way of any state roadway. A contract must be for a period of at least five years.