

HB 1634 -- RECYCLING TARGETS FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS

SPONSOR: Ruzicka

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 17 to 0.

This bill repeals the provisions requiring a newspaper publisher with an average daily distribution of greater than 15,000 copies to meet targeted recycled content usage each year and to report to the Department of Natural Resources the total number of tons of newsprint used during the past year and if it met the recycle target or why it failed to do so.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill repeals an outdated statute. When the statute was passed in 1990, the state was looking for a market for recycling old newspapers. Since then, programs have been established and this provision is no longer needed.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ruzicka; Missouri Press Association; Roger Uher, Columbia Tribune; and Department of Natural Resources.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.