

HCS HJR 61 -- RIGHT TO RAISE LIVESTOCK

SPONSOR: Wright (Loehner)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Emerging Issues in Animal Agriculture by a vote of 12 to 0.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment affirms the right of persons to raise cattle, calves, sheep, swine, poultry, goats, horses, other equine, or rabbits in a manner adhering to state and local laws and ordinances as enacted on August 28, 2012, or at the commencement of operations, whichever is later. No law affecting the manner in which animals are being raised can be enacted by an initiative petition.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$0 or More than \$7,000,000 in FY 2013, \$0 in FY 2014, and \$0 in FY 2015. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill protects the agriculture industry in Missouri and farmers from the burdens of new laws and regulations and assures a person that he or she will be able to continue to raise livestock in the current manner in the face of new and changing requirements.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Loehner; Missouri Farm Bureau; Missouri Pork Association; Missouri Cattlemen's Association; Missouri Federation of Animal Owners; Missouri Family Network; and Woody Cozad, Sharpe Land and Cattle.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.