

HCS HB 1413 -- ETHANOL PRODUCER INCENTIVE FUND

SPONSOR: Houghton

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Agriculture by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill extends the sunset on the ethanol producer incentive fund from December 31, 2015, to December 31, 2020 and extends the time period in which ethanol producers of ethanol made from qualified biomass are eligible for subsidies from the fund.

This bill is similar to SB 371 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that by removing the expiration date on the Missouri Qualified Fuel Ethanol Producer Incentive Fund allows for a future Missouri farmer-owned ethanol plant to take advantage of the incentives. Currently, there are no known plans for a new plant, but if Missouri farmers wanted to open a new plant, these incentives would be available.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Houghton; Missouri Soybean Association; Missouri Farm Bureau; Donald Hill, Missouri Deer Breeders' Association; and Jay Schutte.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.