

HCS HB 1406 -- ANIMAL TRESPASS

SPONSOR: Love

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 17 to 7. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 3.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1406.

Currently, a person is guilty of animal trespass if a person with ownership or custody of an animal fails to provide adequate control of the animal for a period of 24 hours or more. This bill changes the crime to livestock trespass.

This bill is similar to HB 684 (2019).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROponents: Supporters say that when the offense of animal trespass was passed in 2012, it was written too broadly. This bill would clarify that the law only applies to livestock and not other domestic animals.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Love.

OPponents: Those who oppose the bill say that the bill does not address what laws would apply to other domestic animals whose owners fail to provide adequate control of the animal.

Testifying against the bill was the Missouri Alliance For Animal Legislation.