

HB 1916 -- DUMP TRUCK MUD FLAPS

SPONSOR: Busick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass-Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows dump trucks to be equipped with mud flaps that have up to 12 inches of ground clearance.

This bill is the same as HB 1002 (2019).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that mud flaps should be raised from 8 inches to 12 inches because they get caught on piles and rip off. Raising mud flaps will help dump trucks maneuver better. This bill will allow mud flaps to be adjusted and prevents wasting mud flaps. The purpose of the bill is to save drivers money and to facilitate consistency. Supporters also say that there are 13 states that do not require mud flaps and only three states have the eight-inch requirement.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Busick; Missouri Dump Truck Association; and Andy Mantle, Capital Hauling.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.