

HOUSE BILL NO. 1848

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 262, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the urban farming task force.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 262, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 262.880, to read as follows:

- 262.880. 1. There is hereby established within the department of agriculture an "Urban Farming Task Force". The task force shall consist of fifteen members, as follows:**
- (1) The director of the department of agriculture, who shall serve as chair of the task force;**
 - (2) The chair of the agriculture policy committee, or its successor committee, of the house of representatives;**
 - (3) The chair of the agriculture, food production and outdoor resources committee, or its successor committee, of the senate;**
 - (4) One representative of the University of Missouri extension services;**
 - (5) Two representatives of urban farm cooperatives;**
 - (6) Two members who participate or have expertise in vertical farming;**
 - (7) Two members with expertise in the development and implementation of sustainable living communities;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14 **(8) Two members representing agricultural organizations or groups in this state;**
15 **and**

16 **(9) Three members actively participating in vertical farming and sustainable living**
17 **communities.**

18 **2. The members of the task force, other than the director of the department of**
19 **agriculture and the members of the general assembly, shall be appointed by the governor**
20 **with the advice and consent of the senate. Members shall serve on the task force without**
21 **compensation.**

22 **3. The task force shall study and make recommendations regarding the impact of**
23 **urban farm cooperatives, vertical farming, and sustainable living communities in this state.**

24 **4. The task force shall include an examination of the following in its study and**
25 **recommendations required to be completed under subsection 3 of this section:**

26 **(1) Trends in urban farming, including vertical farming, urban farm cooperatives,**
27 **and sustainable living communities;**

28 **(2) Existing services, resources, and capacity for such urban farming;**

29 **(3) The impact on communities and populations affected; and**

30 **(4) Any needed state legislation or policies.**

31 **5. The task force shall hold a minimum of one meeting at three urban regions in the**
32 **state of Missouri during the calendar year to seek public input.**

33 **6. The task force shall submit an initial report of its findings and recommendations**
34 **to the general assembly and the governor no later than December 31, 2010.**

35 **7. The task force shall continue to meet at the request of the chair and at a**
36 **minimum of one time annually for the purpose of evaluating the implementation and**
37 **impact of the task force recommendations and provide annual supplemental reports on the**
38 **findings to the governor and the general assembly.**

39 **8. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, 2012.**

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