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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1848

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

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

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*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) One member of the house of representatives representing an urban district, appointed by the speaker of the house;**

**(6) One member of the senate representing an urban district, appointed by the president pro tem of the senate;**

**(7) The director of the University of Missouri Center for Sustainable Energy;**

**(8) One representative of the Missouri Botanical Garden;**

**(9) One representative of the Missouri Farm Bureau;**

**(10) One representative of the Missouri Sustainable Agriculture Association;**

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.

- 18           **(11) A current operator of an urban farm or community garden;**
- 19           **(12) One member having expertise or participating in vertical farming;**
- 20           **(13) One representative of an agricultural organization in this state;**
- 21           **(14) One representative of the Kansas City Center for Urban Living; and**
- 22           **(15) One member who is a citizen of this state.**

23           **2. All members of the Missouri general assembly not appointed or listed in**  
24 **subsection 1 of this section shall be ex officio members of the task force.**

25           **3. The members of the task force, other than the director of the department of**  
26 **agriculture and the members of the general assembly, shall be appointed by the governor**  
27 **with the advice and consent of the senate. Members shall serve on the task force without**  
28 **compensation.**

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

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

- 33           **(1) Trends in urban farming, including vertical farming, urban farm cooperatives,**  
34 **and sustainable living communities;**
- 35           **(2) Existing services, resources, and capacity for such urban farming;**
- 36           **(3) The impact on communities and populations affected; and**
- 37           **(4) Any needed state legislation or policies.**

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

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

42           **8. The task force shall continue to meet at the request of the chair and at a**  
43 **minimum of one time annually for the purpose of evaluating the implementation and**  
44 **impact of the task force recommendations and provide annual supplemental reports on the**  
45 **findings to the governor and the general assembly.**

46           **9. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, 2013.**

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