

HCS HB 1840 -- RICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

This bill changes the membership of the Rice Advisory Council within the Department of Agriculture to require certain members to be employed as or by a rice handler in Missouri and as or by an end user of rice. The bill revises the definition of "handler" to include a person in the business of buying rice and excludes a person who is a producer. The definition of "end user" is also revised to exclude a company or corporation that is a producer.

The Missouri Rice Certification Fund is created consisting of fees collected under the Missouri Rice Certification Act. The fund will be administered by the department and used for the sampling and testing of rice.