

HB 2182 -- AGRITOURISM

SPONSOR: Munzlinger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Agri-Business by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill specifies that, as used in Missouri statutes, "agritourism" means the act of visiting a working farm or any agricultural operation for the purpose of enjoyment, education, training, or active involvement in the activities of the agricultural operation.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROponents: Supporters say that agritourism is a rapidly growing industry in Missouri. A statutory definition of agritourism is necessary for obtaining a bank loan and insurance for these purposes. The department needs the definition to provide consistency in promoting agritourism throughout the state.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Munzlinger; and Department of Agriculture.

OPponents: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.