

HCS HJR 35 -- FISH, WILDLIFE, OR FORESTRY RESOURCES

SPONSOR: Townley (Dethrow)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 18 to 0.

This proposed constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds majority vote on initiative proposals relating to the opportunity to harvest fish, wildlife, or forestry resources.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$36,840 in FY 2005, \$0 in FY 2006, and \$0 in FY 2007. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that hunting, fishing, and trapping are a part of Missouri's heritage, and the bill will help to keep it that way. The bill would keep fringe elements from mounting publicity campaigns for or against conservation issues.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Dethrow and Purgason; Conservation Federation of Missouri; Missouri Forest Products Association; and Missouri Federation of Animal Owners.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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