

HCS HJR 3 -- RIGHT TO RAISE LIVESTOCK

SPONSOR: Guernsey (Loehner)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Agri-Business by a vote of 15 to 0.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment affirms the right of persons to raise livestock in a humane manner without the state imposing an undue economic burden on their owners. No law criminalizing the welfare of any livestock will be valid unless based upon generally accepted scientific principles and enacted by the General Assembly.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$7,000,000 in FY 2012, an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$7,000,000 in FY 2013, and an income of \$0 in FY 2014. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill protects the agriculture industry in Missouri and farmers from undue economic burdens of new laws and regulations and assures a person that he or she will be able to continue to raise livestock in a humane manner in the face of new and changing laws.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Loehner; Missouri Pork Association; Missouri Agribusiness Association; and Missouri Soybean Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.