

HB 854 -- MISSOURI QUALIFIED FUEL ETHANOL PRODUCER INCENTIVE FUND

SPONSOR: Reiboldt

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Agriculture by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill repeals the December 31, 2015, expiration date of the provisions regarding the Missouri Qualified Fuel Ethanol Producer Incentive Fund.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that by removing the expiration date on the Missouri Qualified Fuel Ethanol Producer Incentive Fund, it allows for a future Missouri farmer-owned ethanol plant to take advantage of the incentives. Currently, there is no known plans for a new plant, but if Missouri farmers wanted to open a new plant, these incentives would be available.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Reiboldt; Missouri Corn Growers Association; Missouri Farm Bureau; and Missouri Soybean Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.