

HB 1504 -- NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING CENTERS

SPONSOR: Reiboldt

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill requires the governing bodies or county planning commissions in Newton and McDonald counties to adopt ordinances regulating incompatible land uses and structures within any or all the unincorporated area extending up to 3,000 feet outward from the boundaries of any National Guard training center if the county has participated in the completion of a joint land use study associated with the training center.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill is a proactive measure to protect the National Guard Training Center in Newton County from encroachment by development. The buffer zone created by this bill is the product of a joint land use study and is highly supported by the community.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Reiboldt; Michael Franks, Neosho Area Business Industrial Foundation Incorporated; Tom Goodin, and Tom Mundell, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO); Joe Driskill, Missouri Military Advocate; Stanley Rassmussen, U.S. Army and Department of Defense; and Pat Rowe Kerr.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.