

HCS HB 1614 -- REGULATION OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS

SPONSOR: Reiboldt

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 9 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 7 to 2.

This bill prohibits any political subdivision from adopting or enforcing any ordinance, rule, or regulation relating to the labeling cultivation, or other use of seed or fertilizers. The provisions of the bill do not apply to any ordinance, rule, or regulation enacted before August 28, 2018.

This bill is similar to HB 175 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would ensure that all residents of Missouri have the same ability to use fertilizers on their crops and fields. Political subdivisions are already prohibited from adopting ordinances, rules, or regulations relating to pesticides. This would do the same for fertilizers.

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

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.