

HB 2102 -- ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS

SPONSOR: Rhoads

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill requires that, for purposes of property zoning classifications, sawmills must be classified as agricultural property.

This bill is the same as HB 719 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that in some counties which have planning and zoning with an agricultural exemption, saw mills are being zoned commercial and must follow the ordinances for commercial property when in fact the property should be zoned agricultural. This bill would clarify that saw mills are agricultural operations and should be classified as such.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rhoads and Missouri Forest Products Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.