



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 1070		DATE: 2/17/2021
COMMITTEE: Special Committee on Tourism		
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I am in Support of this Bill on its face.If a camper is taking dangerous risks after proper Camp Ground Posting Warning, then the Camp Ground shall not be Liable.



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Rep. Hudson during 2020 we had several incidents reported to our camp office to include:• Group of campers sitting around a fire pits drinking beer where a young lady stood up and tripped on the fire ring and sustained burns to her hand, leg and ankle• Group of Campers moving pick nick tables from one site to another, one of the campers claiming back /strain injury from lifting the tables• Camper sustained a bloody nose after tripping on his extension cord at his campsite. Campsite light turned off by the camper who wanted his group to see the stars. • Tent camper complained that a pickup truck driving fast in the campground spinning the truck tires throwing gravel striking their tent and camping area. Posted speed limit in our campground 8 1/2 MPH. • Tent camper at 2 AM fell over the river banks and landed in the river near her tent site while squatting down to urinate, claiming hip pain and leg injury; she admitted she was too lazy to walk to the campground restroom. Campsite light turned off by the camper. • Camper put up a hammock between a tree and sign post reported an injury to his head. Sign post broke off at the ground striking the camper. • Heated Argument/fight broke between campers. 18 year old boy removed a flag from a campsite and placed the flag in campfire. Retired Marine chased the boy down want him to pay for the flag.Rep. Hudson here at BSC Outdoors/Boiling Spring Campground we do all we can to mitigate hazardous for our guest. We are about providing campers a natural environment where families can have a great time in the outdoors. Some of the issues that happen are out of our control.Having campground liability legislation passed into law will help reduce frivolous law suits and protect the campground owner from incidents that are inherent to camping and the outdoor environment. At each of our campsites we provide a fire pit, camp grill, pick nick table and site lighting for safety.



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House Bill 1070 is necessary to prevent frivolous lawsuits against small private campground owners across the state. Private campground owners would be responsible for posting warning signs. The bill would not prevent or limit liability of a private campground owner who intentionally causes the injury, death, or property damage or acts with a wilful or wanton disregard for safety, or fails to use that degree of care that an ordinarily careful and prudent person would use under the same or similar circumstances. Passage of HB1070 will allow insurance rates for private campground owners to be more affordable as well. Thank you for your consideration.



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The Missouri Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (MOARC) is in full support support of HB 1070. This bill is a high priority for our association's 65 members campgrounds and RV parks that are located all around Missouri. Camping remains popular because it continues to offer a truly natural experience. The very qualities campground guests seek, however, come with an element of risk. When campground owners open trails without paving them with concrete, they create a risk of slips and falls. When they install fire pits on their campsites, they create the risk of burns. When they locate campsites along drive paths that are not lighted at night, they create the risk of a stumble. The things that make camping appealing also add some degree of risk. Campgrounds do their best to mitigate hazards. But, experience shows that making camping safe would change it into something other than camping.