

HB 2319 -- Livestock Feed and Crop Input Loan Guarantee Program

Sponsor: Loehner

This bill requires the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority to provide assistance to independent livestock and poultry family farm operations by implementing a livestock feed and crop input loan guarantee program to grant partial loan guarantees on loans for the purchase of livestock feed and crop inputs to produce crops for feeding livestock.

The Livestock Feed and Crop Input Loan Guarantee Fund is created consisting of moneys appropriated by the General Assembly; bequests from federal, private, or other sources; and investment income on the fund. The General Assembly may appropriate up to \$4 million to the fund. Qualified independent livestock and poultry family farm operations may borrow up to \$40,000. The authority provides a 50% first-loss guarantee, on a declining principal basis, to local lenders and will charge a one-time participation fee of \$50 on the loan. A special loan guarantee fee of up to 1% per annum of the outstanding principal of the loan may be charged by the lender and paid to the authority.