

HJR 76 -- BIRD, FISH, GAME, WILDLIFE, OR FORESTRY RESOURCES

SPONSOR: Dethrow

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 11 to 0.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment requires a four-sevenths majority for voter approval of initiative petitions relating to harvesting bird, fish, game, wildlife, or forestry resources. Initiative petitions that establish, amend, or repeal sales taxes for conservation purposes will still require only a simple majority approval.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$7,000,000 in FY 2011, an income of \$0 in FY 2012, and an income of \$0 in FY 2013. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the state needs to be proactive in opposing efforts to restrict citizens' rights to legally harvest fish, wildlife, and forestry resources of the state. The bill will protect against petition efforts to restrict these rights.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dethrow; Missouri Forest Products Association; Conservation Federation of Missouri; Missouri Federation of Animal Owners; Missouri Farm Bureau; Barb York, Missouri Pet Breeders Association; and Department of Conservation.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.