

HB 1404 -- PET BREEDERS APPRECIATION MONTH

SPONSOR: Reiboldt

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill designates the month of December each year as "Pet Breeders Appreciation Month" and recommends that Missourians observe the month with activities designed to enhance the knowledge and appreciation of the contributions to our state's citizens and economy made by Missouri pet breeders who responsibly and humanely produce, care for, protect the safety of, and provide the animals which become our citizen's cherished pets

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill would provide appropriate recognition of the many breeders in the state who work hard every day to not only earn a living raising dogs, but to provide people from all over the country and the world with pets.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Reiboldt; Missouri Pet Breeders Association; Missouri Federation of Animal Owners; Missouri Cattlemen's Association; Missouri Farm Bureau; Kathy Bettes, The Kennel Spotlight Magazine; Dave Miller; and Lex Smith.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.