

HB 1998 -- VETERINARIAN STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Jones (50)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill repeals the expiration date of the Large Animal Veterinarian Student Loan Program.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that there is a growing need for large animal veterinarians in rural Missouri. The bill allows the University of Missouri to continue the Large Animal Veterinarian Student Loan Program, which has helped bring new veterinarians to the rural areas of the state.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Caleb Jones; Dr. Fales, University of Missouri College of Veterinarian Medicine; Missouri Cattlemen's Association; Missouri Veterinarian Medical Association; Missouri Department of Agriculture; Missouri Farm Bureau; and Missouri Federation of Animal Owners.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.