

HB 1209 -- MISSOURI SOLAR POLLINATOR HABITAT ACT

SPONSOR: Knight

This bill establishes the "Missouri Solar Pollinator Habitat Act," which requires the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with other state and nongovernmental agencies, to publish a scorecard that sets out criteria for claiming that a solar site is pollinator-friendly or provides benefits to pollinators. The scorecard must be available on the department's website within six months of the effective date of the bill.

An owner of a solar site implementing site management practices specified in the bill may claim that the site is pollinator-friendly or provides benefits to pollinators if the site and its vegetation management plan adhere to the criteria set out in the scorecard. An owner making a claim that it is pollinator-friendly or provides benefits to pollinators must make available to the public and provide to the department and a nonprofit solar industry trade association a copy of its completed scorecard and vegetation management plan.