

HCS HB 357 -- COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

SPONSOR: Baker

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Rural Community Development by a vote of 15 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 357.

Currently, cottage food production operations must have an annual gross income of \$50,000 or less and are prohibited from selling food through the Internet. This bill removes the cap on annual gross income and the prohibition on online sales, provided that the cottage food production operation and purchaser are both located in Missouri.

This bill is the same as HB 1348 (2020).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would open up new markets across the state to those who operate a cottage food production operation and provide more opportunities to sell their products. During the current pandemic, if cottage food production operations were able to sell to consumers online, it would have made it easier for people to both sell and purchase these products while social distancing.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Baker.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.