

HB 573 -- LANDOWNER LIABILITY

SPONSOR: Haden

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 16 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0 with 1 voting Present.

Currently, a landowner who invites or permits a person to enter his land for recreational use in compliance with a state-administered recreational access program does not assume certain liabilities or responsibilities. This bill extends the limited liability to landowners who invite or permit a person to enter his land for recreational use in compliance with a state-administered wildlife management program.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that some landowners are reluctant to participate in certain wildlife management program due to their liability related to letting others hunt on their property. This bill would give landowners protection if someone is injured on their property.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Haden; Missouri Department of Conservation; and Missouri Farm Bureau. Additional written testimony was submitted in support of the bill.

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.