HB 1697 -- COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

SPONSOR: Baker

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 12 to 0.

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 357 (2021) .

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this adds new jobs for people who want to work from home and this will strengthen Missouri's local economies.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Baker; Angelique Chaverri; Melissa Vatterott, Missouri Coalition for the Environment; and Arnie C. Dienoff.

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.