

HCS HB 422 -- COMMERCIAL FEED

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COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture by a vote of 12 to 8.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 422.

The bill modifies the definition of "commercial feed" as part of Missouri Commercial Feed Law to include industrial hemp and specifies that commercial feed will not be deemed adulterated solely due to containing seed from industrial hemp in feed for certain animals.

This bill is the same as SB 1500 (2024).

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 Missouri ranks second in the nation for commercial feed sales. Hemp seeds have shown to have nutritious benefits, including high protein content, for certain animals. This bill would allow farmers and other feed processors to take advantage of the market as a nutritious supplement to current feed.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Overcast; Dr. Babu Valliyodan, Lincoln University Hemp Institute; Rick Hempe; Kevin Halderman; Ast Genetics; Hemp Hill; Brian Riegel, Riegel Dairy Inc.; John Grady, Slaphappy Beverage; and Arnie Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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