



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 533		DATE: 2/18/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
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I am in Support of this Bill and Legislation of limiting the Power of the Fire Protection District pertaining to Farm Buildings with Regulations. This Bill prohibits Districts from adopting Regulations and Requiring Building Permits for Farm Buildings. In addition, I would like to see added language roping in and limiting the Meeting Attendance Fee of Fire District's Board of Directors to \$100 per Meeting. Fire Districts on the Eastern and Western Side of the State are paying themselves \$100 for an Open Meeting that lasts 30-Minutes and then another \$100 for a Closed 10-Minute Meeting in Violation of Chapter 321.190. In addition the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board Each receive an additional \$50 per Meeting. This is wrong, unethical and insult to the Tax-Payer, ripping them off. The O' Fallon Fire Protection District does this wrong and illegal activity in addition to the Saint Charles County Ambulance Distrit Board. This needs to be dealt with in the Legislation. I am in Support of the companion Bill in the State Senate S.B.-271 (Black)



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We oppose this bill as written as we believe there should be provisions that ensure commercial livestock operations that hold large numbers of animals should be subject to fire codes that protect animals who are unable to escape if there were a fire.



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Dear Chairman Justus and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Bill 533 would exempt farm buildings and structures from fire protection and prevention ordinances. While the intent may be to reduce regulatory burden on our agricultural sector, this legislation would create unacceptable safety risks that far outweigh any potential benefits. This exemption poses particularly severe risks given the prevalence of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in Missouri's agricultural landscape. Modern CAFOs house thousands of animals in confined spaces, often with automated feeding systems, electrical equipment, and ventilation systems that could present significant fire hazards. These facilities frequently store large quantities of feed, which can be highly combustible, along with hazardous materials including fuel, chemicals, and waste management systems. Without proper fire prevention oversight, a fire in a CAFO could rapidly become catastrophic, resulting in mass animal casualties and severe environmental contamination. The proposed exemption would also put our first responders at unnecessary risk. When firefighters respond to emergencies at facilities lacking standard fire prevention measures, they face increased dangers that could be prevented through basic safety requirements. Additionally, as many agricultural operations employ year-round workers, this exemption could expose farm workers to unsafe conditions and leave employers vulnerable to increased liability. Insurance companies are likely to respond to this regulatory gap by raising premiums or denying coverage to buildings that don't meet basic fire safety standards. This could ultimately cost farmers more than maintaining reasonable fire prevention measures, defeating the bill's purpose of reducing burden on the agricultural sector. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to vote "no" on House Bill 533.



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