

HB 1960 -- OFFICIAL STATE MUSHROOM

SPONSOR: Peters

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 9 to 1.

This bill designates the smooth chanterelle as the official mushroom for the State of Missouri.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the smooth chanterelle is a mushroom found in hardwood forests throughout Missouri. The smooth chanterelle is vibrant gold edible mushroom and is much easier to find than morels. You can't buy smooth chanterelles in the grocery store, so you have to go out and find them in the wild. Looking for smooth chanterelles is a fun hobby that can promote more use of our wooded parks.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Peters; Dr. Brian Looney; Brittany Martinez; Dorothy Hancock; Gina Root; Lincoln Aubuchon; Lottie Aubuchon; Maple Athans; Maxine Stone; Nathan Athans; Parsley Athans; Susan Zarnek-Stevens; Tausha Aubuchon; and Zella Stevens.

OPPOSERS: 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.