

HCS HB 2774 -- REGULATIONS BASED ON FUEL SOURCES

SPONSOR: Knight

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2774.

This bill prohibits the state and political subdivisions from making any law, rule, regulation, or ordinance that restricts the sale or use of motor vehicles, tools, or farm equipment based on fuel sources.

The bill does not prohibit any city with more than 16,000 but fewer than 18,000 inhabitants that is also the county seat of a county with more than one million inhabitants from restricting the use of gas-powered leaf blowers by law, rule, regulation, or ordinance. Upon enactment, this would apply to the City of Clayton.

This bill is similar to HB 1455 (2025).

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 this bill will allow people to make use of the type of fuel they see fit to meet their individual needs. In recent years, local jurisdictions have sought to ban certain fuel sources, but consumers should have the freedom to choose. Because of the nature of how most fuel is extracted, refined, and processed, it is a highly regulated commodity by the Federal government; as a result, decisions as to which sources of fuel can or cannot be used should be made in Washington, D.C., and not Missouri.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Knight; Arnie Dienoff; Missouri Corn Growers Association; Missouri Propane Gas Association; Missouri Farm Bureau; Missouri Golf Association; Missouri Petroleum & Convenience Association; Missouri Soybean Association; and American Petroleum Institute.

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.