

HCS HB 3076 -- CLEAN WATER PERMITTING

SPONSOR: Justus

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Rural Issues by a vote of 11 to 1, with 2 members voting present.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 3076.

This bill specifies that agricultural nonpoint sources are exempt from clean water permitting requirements.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill clarifies that most farming practices do not need clean water permits. By codifying this exemption that aligns with current regulatory practices, this bill will provide certainty to farmers, especially in relation to eligibility for certain cost share programs.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Justus; Missouri Grape Growers Association; Missouri Agribusiness Association; Missouri Cattleman's Association; Missouri Forest Products Association; Arnie C. Dienoff; Alfred Brandt, Missouri Dairy; Missouri Soybean Association; Missouri Farm Bureau; and Missouri Corn Growers Association.

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.