

HB 3408 -- MISSOURI ROCK ISLAND TRAIL COMMUNITIES

SPONSOR: Cook

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill creates the designation of "Missouri Rock Island Trail Community" for municipalities located along the Rock Island Trail corridor that promote outdoor recreation, heritage tourism, and economic development within this State.

The cities of Bland and Belle are designated as Missouri Rock Island Trail communities.

Additional municipalities located along the Rock Island Trail corridor may be designated as Missouri Rock Island Trail Communities by act of the General Assembly.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that there are little towns all across Missouri that nobody knows about. This may increase visitors to the trail which would connect people with those small towns. The bill also allows for other towns to add their names to the list to help promote their tourism.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Cook; Arnie Dienoff; Lucie Scott; and Elliott Smith.

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.