

HB 1861 -- RENEWABLE ENERGY

SPONSOR: Baker (25)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Energy and Environment by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill establishes the Renewable Energy Information and Reporting Act which requires the Missouri Public Service Commission to provide an annual report on renewable energy trends and new developments to the Governor, General Assembly, any public interest group involved in energy and the environment, and all entities in the energy industry. The report's requirements are specified in the bill.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is necessary to remedy a current lack of information about renewable energy sources. It will provide non-industry reported information to the public and may be used to show which methods of renewable energy production are the most efficient.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Baker (25); and Sierra Club.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.