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## Senator Bill Stouffer Is Hopeful Bio-diesel Blended Fuel Will Become Universally Available by 2010

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, wants to see a bio-diesel blend become available throughout Missouri by 2010.

Sen. Stouffer's bill – Senate Bill 759 – would require all diesel fuel sold in Missouri contain at least 5% biodiesel by April 1, 2010.

"We have had the research on this for a few years. Missouri is already leading the nation with a standard for ethanol." Sen. Stouffer said. This bio-diesel standard is a win-win-win. It is a win for consumers, the environment, and the rural economy."

Beginning January 1, 2010, Sen. Stouffer's bill would require fuel terminals in Missouri that sell diesel fuel would sell biodiesel, conventional diesel fuel, and biodiesel-blended fuel that contains 5% biodiesel by volume, but it would not be considered a violation for a terminal to sell biodiesel-blended fuel that contains more than 5% biodiesel by volume provided any such sale adheres to notification requirements promulgated by the Department of Agriculture. Current law allows fuel retailers, wholesalers, distributors, and marketers to purchase fuel ethanol from any terminal, position holder, fuel ethanol producer, wholesaler, or supplier. The act would allow these entities to purchase biodiesel in the same manner.

"Offering a bio-diesel blend is a priority of Gov. Blunt," Sen. Stouffer said. "Our bill is moving through the Senate. I hope it does the same when it gets to the House."

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