



# THE STOUFFER REPORT

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## Keeping Our Valuable Resources in Missouri

I recently presented one of my key pieces of legislation before the Agriculture, Conservation, Parks and Natural Resources Committee. Senate Bill 759 (similar to SB 810) would require all diesel fuel sold at retail stations in Missouri after April 1, 2010 be a biodiesel-blended fuel

Missouri resumed its position as a leader in renewable fuels when we became the fourth state to implement the 10 percent ethanol standard. This year, we have the opportunity to become the second state in the nation to implement a biodeisel standard.

I think one of the most important things we can do with biodeisel is improve the quality of the product and if we follow Minnesota's example (the first state in the nation to implement a biodeisel standard), we can put Missouri in the forefront of biodiesel technology.

There are four major producers located in this state (Mexico, Kansas City, St. Joseph, and Nevada) that produce 130 million gallons of biodeisel each year. Currently, these producers are required by law to produce approximately 60 million gallons of biodeisel to meet the five percent requirement for our state. Obviously a quality supply is not an issue.

Not only will this bill help ensure that Missouri-produced fuel stays in our state, the bill also sets out to protect consumers as well as our state's air quality. The legislation adopts the requirements of an accredited producer contained in the BQ-9000 program of the National Biodiesel Accreditation Commission.

By using a five percent blend in highway diesel, Missourians can emit 50 percent less smog (ozone) forming components. Biodiesel also reduces emissions of carbon monoxide by 48 percent, carbon dioxide by 78 percent, and various cancer causing emissions by 50 to 85 percent.

My measure would also increase the job base in this state and would be a real boost for rural Missouri. This legislation provides a place to move this important product within our state. Missouri is an energy deficit state. Virtually every penny we spend on petroleum energy leaves our state. However, if this energy is produced within our borders, that's money that stays in our economy. Let's not pad the pockets of other states and foreign countries when we can put the money into the pockets of hard-working Missourians.

Senate Bill 759 would have a minimal impact on our state's industry by exempting nuclear, rail and other organizations allowed by the Department of Agriculture. This bill also allows for "slash" blending and maintains price mechanisms similar to the ethanol standard enacted in 2006.

I am not a big fan of mandates. However, when the competition owns the distribution I think it justifies the situation. If you want to see positive results for Missouri, sometimes you need a jump start to push the process forward.

If you have any questions or comments about this legislation or any other topic, please call my office toll free (866) 768-3987 or send me an e-mail at [bstouffer@senate.mo.gov](mailto:bstouffer@senate.mo.gov).

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