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Senator Bill Stouffer Presses Ahead with Bill to Establish Bio-Diesel Standard

Measure Would Offer a 5 Percent Bio-Diesel Standard to Help Offset Price

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, today (2/4) presented a bill that would allow Missouri to offer a 5 percent bio-diesel blend starting in 2011.

Senator Stouffer presented <u>Senate Bill 29</u> to the <u>Senate Agriculture</u>, <u>Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee</u>. His plan would create a 5 percent bio-diesel standard that would be similar to the state's current ethanol standard for gasoline.

"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."

Senate Bill 29 would require fuel terminals in Missouri that sell diesel fuel would sell biodiesel along with conventional diesel fuel. The bill would let fuel retailers, wholesalers, distributors and marketers to buy diesel and bio-diesel the same way they buy ethanol.

"Fortunately, gas and diesel prices are down," Sen. Stouffer said. "But who's to say we couldn't see another upturn in prices like we saw last year? This would keep higher prices from hurting truckers and ultimately keep prices lower on the goods we buy that are carried by big rigs."

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