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# Senator Jim Lembke Named to New Committee Focusing on Urban Farming

*New Panel Consists of Five Missouri Senators and Five Representatives*

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Jim Lembke, R-St. Louis, has been named to serve on the [Joint Committee on Urban Farming](#).

“This panel has been assigned with the task of studying urban farming,” Sen. Lembke said. “While it may sound like a strange term, ‘urban farming’ is becoming more common, as more people grow their own food in residential areas rather than the typical farm or orchard.”

Urban farming can be traced back to ancient Persia and became common in 19<sup>th</sup> century Germany, amid poverty and worries about food supplies. More recently, “victory gardens” were commonplace in the United States during both world wars.

“Urban farming signals to a return to self-sufficiency,” Sen. Lembke said. “States are reminding people of the [10<sup>th</sup> Amendment](#) and state sovereignty. Urban farmers are leading the return to self-reliance and independence in much the same spirit as those generations who came before us who shaped this country.”

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