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## **Senator Jim Lembke Nominated to Serve as Vice Chair of Urban Farming Committee**

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JEFFERSON CITY — In a meeting held on December 23 by members of the Joint Committee on Urban Farming, State Sen. Jim Lembke, R-St. Louis, was nominated by his fellow colleagues to serve as vice chair of the panel.

Senator Lembke was appointed to serve on the committee in September. The 10-member panel was created by [House Bill 1848](#) during the 2010 legislative session to study and make recommendations regarding the impact of urban farm cooperatives, vertical farming, and sustainable living communities in Missouri.

“I am honored to be selected by members of this committee to serve as vice chair,” said Sen. Lembke. “As a legislator from the St. Louis area, I’m proud to represent not only the east side of the state, but citizens from urban areas who are interested in growing their own food in residential areas. We’re working to make urban farming a phrase you hear every-day, rather than an idea that is considered outside the box.”

More specifically, the committee is charged with following trends in urban farming, examining existing services and resources available for urban farmers, studying the impact on communities and populations affected by this area of agriculture, and establishing the need for state legislation, policies, or regulations regarding urban farming.

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