

SENATE COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL NO: SB 849

SPONSOR: O'Laughlin

HEARING DATE: 2/3/2026

COMMITTEE: Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment	
CHAIRMAN: Cierpiot	
DATE REFERRED: 1/8/2026	DATE HEARING REQUESTED: 1/14/2026

STAFF:

Bryce Beal
Heidi Osner
Michelle Pleus
Julia Sheveleva

WITNESSES GIVING INFORMATION:

Kurt Schaffer - Missouri Department of Nature Resources
Laurer Holloway - Missouri Municipal League
Charles Cortey - Missouri Native Standsip Series
Shannon Cooper - Missouri Cattlemen's Association
Stephen Daune - Association Commissioner Cape Girardeau County

WITNESSES FOR:

Dale Butler - Farmer
Heather Lanage - Farmer
Kurtis Butler - Farmer
Melanie Thurnay - Farmer
Cody Harts - Farmer
Lisa Shecks - Farmer
Brent Southard - Farmer
Ralph Bouch - Farmer
Louis Boucher - Farmer
Patrick Kleffner - Western District
Charles Martin - Farmer
Stacey Martin - Farmer
Michael Martin - Farmer
Krystal Martin - Farmer
Benjamin Simpson - Farmer
Connie Shoemaker - Farmer
Charles Crawford - Farmer
Vic Stratman - Maries County Commissioner
Melissa Grisham - Farmer
Clay McDaniel - Farmer
Sara McDaniel - Farmer

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Isaiah Gehlert - Farmer
Tonya Stanford - Macon County
James Eeymack - Farmer
Jon Adamson - Farmer
Arnie Dienoff - Public Advocate
Molly Eiken - Farmer
Betsy Bell - Farmer
Greg Westhusing - Walker Township/ Henry County
Marilyn O'Bannon - Farmer
Bailey Carter - Self
Mark Taylor - Farmer
Ike Skelton - Camden County
Sonia Taylor - Farmer
Robin Crane - Farmer
Mark Harson - Henry County Commissioner
Josiah Town - Citizen
Catherine Vogelwird - Citizen
Douglas Westhaes - Farmer
Amy Castro - Act for Missouri

WITNESSES AGAINST:

Paul Beuserinck - Self
Frances Balb - Solar Advocate
Maxi Glamour - Citizen
Carolyn Niswonger - Sierra Club Missouri Chapter
Elyse Schaffer - Missouri Coalition for the Environment
Rusty Reed - Solar Farmer
Jim Gwinner - Doral Renables
David Gerken - Solar Farmer
Lori Imhoff - Solar Farmer
Mark Watter - Citizen
Jeff Stack - Mid Mo Fellowship of Reconciliation
Noel Torpey - Arevon Energy
Zach Monroe - Ameren Missouri
James Owen - Renew Missouri
Jason Edwards - Personal Development Company
John Coffmen - Eylictric Partyer
Waylon Brown - Clean Grid Alliance
Dane Reed - Self

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David Bunge - Azimuth Renewables

William Hatch - MO NECA and Guarantee electric Company

Bob Cooper - Myself

Cheryl Marcum - Self

Mark Brady - Polsinelli

Alan Anderson - Polsinelli

Mark Dalton - Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council

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