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 Resoures

Laurer Holloway - Missouri Municipal Leauge

Charles Cortey - Missouri Native Standship 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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