

HB 1262 -- Publicly Financed Projects

Sponsor: Wildberger

This bill prohibits an employer from employing or subcontracting with an illegal alien on any publicly financed project. Effective August 28, 2004, in addition to any other penalty, employers in violation of this provision are to be fined \$10 per alien per day. The employer will be ineligible to bid on any publicly financed project for 10 years.

Current law requires employers contracting for construction or renovation projects with any public entity, during times of excessive unemployment, to hire Missouri laborers and laborers from nonrestrictive states. The employer may hire laborers other than Missouri laborers or unrestrictive state laborers if the laborers are unavailable or unqualified for performing the work required. The bill requires that employers in violation forfeit \$10 per unqualified worker per day to the public entity with whom they are under contract. The public entity is to withhold all amounts due as a result of the violation.