

SB 1249 -- STATE PURCHASING

SPONSOR: Champion (Dempsey)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Job Creation and Economic Development by a vote of 18 to 0.

This bill requires the Commissioner of the Office of Administration to compile a list of Missouri products and to provide the list to all state government agencies, public colleges and universities, and other interested parties. The bill requires any purchasing agent of the state to give preference to all commodities and tangible personal property manufactured, mined, produced, or grown within the state when the quality is equal or better and the price is the same or less than any other competitor. State agencies are required to make a good faith search of Missouri companies that provide products or services. If a Missouri company applies for a contract and is denied, the bill requires that the company be sent an explanation.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill encourages every state agency, including public colleges and universities, to give preference to Missouri products. This is the "Buy Missouri Bill," and it will help businesses located in Missouri.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Champion.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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