

HB 1228 -- MISSOURI WOMEN'S COUNCIL

SPONSOR: Ruestman

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

Currently, the Missouri Women's Council is required to prepare a state plan and gather annual reports from numerous state departments. This bill eliminates these requirements as well as one of two duplicate provisions which authorize a special license plate bearing the council's emblem and the phrase "breast cancer awareness."

The bill also modifies the council's mission by adding requirements:

(1) To initiate programs to support women making the transition from work to home, operating a home-based business, and working part-time from home;

(2) To conduct an inventory of existing federal, state, community, and private programs and facilities relating to the economic and employment needs of women and make this information available to Missouri women; and

(3) To determine which economic and employment problems exist in specific geographic areas of the state by developing a self-sufficiency standard.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill reduces paperwork and addresses the fact that many Missouri women work from home. It also removes a duplicate statute relating to the special license plate for the Missouri Women's Council.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ruestman; and Missouri Women's Council.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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