

HB 1014 -- DISABLED VETERAN PREFERENCE FOR STATE CONTRACTS

SPONSOR: Wright (159)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Veterans by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill requires the Commissioner of the Office of Administration to give preference to certain disabled veterans doing business as Missouri companies when awarding state contracts if the quality of work is equal or better and the price is the same or less.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will help veterans who have sacrificed not only personally but also their businesses while serving their country. The bill will bring the bidding process for state contracts more in line with the federal process.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wright (159); George Newell, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations; and Alan Gibson, Vietnam Veterans of America, Missouri State Council.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.