

SB 1026 -- DENIAL OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

SPONSOR: Rupp (Fisher, 125)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill specifies that a claimant for unemployment compensation benefits will be ineligible for waiting week credit or benefits for any week that the claimant has an outstanding penalty based on an overpayment of benefits.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013. Estimated Income on Other State Funds of \$846,798 in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill gives the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations an additional tool to recover fraudulently obtained unemployment benefits.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fisher (125) for Senator Rupp; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and Associated Industries of Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.