

HCS HB 1089 -- BRING JOBS HOME ACT

SPONSOR: McCaherty

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on International Trade by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill establishes the Bring Jobs Home Act that authorizes, for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, a tax credit against income tax other than the withholding tax of up to 20% of the eligible expenses associated with eliminating a business located outside of the state and reestablishing it in Missouri. The elimination may occur in a year other than the year the relocation occurs, and the expenses must be under a written plan. The amount of the tax credit claimed cannot exceed the amount of the taxpayer's state tax liability for the year for which the credit is claimed but any amount that cannot be claimed may be carried over to the next three succeeding years until the credit has been fully claimed. To be eligible for the tax credit, the number of full-time employees in Missouri for the year the credit is claimed must exceed the number of full-time employees for the year preceding the year in which the eligible expenses were paid or incurred.

Eligible expenses must be taken into account during the taxable year that the plan has been completed and all eligible expenses have been paid or incurred. A credit will not be allowed for any expenses incurred when dissolving a business in Missouri and relocating it to another state.

The maximum annual amount of tax credits issued under this program cannot exceed \$10 million and will be issued on a first come first served basis. A taxpayer who receives tax credits under these provisions cannot be eligible to receive tax credits under any other state tax credit program for the same expenses incurred. If a taxpayer is allowed a credit under this program and within 10 years of receiving the credit eliminates the business unit for which the credit was allowed, the taxpayer must repay the state an amount equal to the amount of the credit allowed.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years after the effective date.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill provides one more tool to encourage businesses to return to this state.

Testifying for the bill was Representative McCaherty.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.