

HB 1594 -- VOLUNTEER LABOR ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

SPONSOR: Davis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety by a vote of 9 to 3.

This bill specifies that a workman on a public works project who agrees in writing to volunteer his or her labor without pay must not be deemed to be employed on the project and cannot be entitled to the prevailing hourly rate of wages.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will encourage volunteer community projects without incurring financial liability for the public body.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Davis.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that they have no position on the bill at this time and they believe that changes are being negotiated.

Testifying for informational purposes was Missouri AFL-CIO.