

HB 271 with HCA 1 -- STATE AUDITOR AUTHORITY

SPONSOR: Hoskins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill changes the laws regarding the State Auditor's authority. When reviewing state tax returns, the State Auditor must be required to follow the same confidentiality requirements as those established for the Department of Revenue in Section 32.057, RSMo.

The bill authorizes the State Auditor to examine and inspect property, equipment, and facilities purchased with funds from a grant agreement by a state agency or political subdivision that are in its possession.

HCA 1: Allows the State Auditor to make pertinent workpapers and other supportive material related to any audit available for inspection by duly authorized representatives of the state and federal government in connection with an official matter instead of pertinent workpapers and other supportive material related to issued reports

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill allows the State Auditor to inspect state property that was purchased with a grant.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hoskins and Office of the State Auditor.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.