

HB 94 -- ACT WORKKEYS

SPONSOR: Lauer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Development by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill provides students the opportunity to chose between the ACT WorkKeys assessment or ACT (including ACT Plus Writing) assessment in any school year in which DESE directs a state-funded census administration of the ACT assessment.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help students find the jobs best suited for them. This bill does not take away a student's ability to take the ACT. It does certify that a student is career ready and provides an option for students that may seek vocational training rather than college.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lauer; Missouri National Education Association; Missouri Association For Career and Technical Education; Missouri Community College Association; and Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.