

SS SCS SB 10 -- MISSOURI WORKS TRAINING PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Wasson (Lauer)

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

This bill modifies the definition of "new capital investment" in the Missouri Works Training Program. The bill allows the Department of Economic Development (DED) to contract with other entities for advertising, marketing and promoting the program. The bill provides that financial assistance through the program may be provided to an association of a majority of qualified companies organized to provide common training to the association members' employees. Funding for program projects is changed from redirecting withholding taxes to allowing DED to fund the projects from appropriations.

The bill modifies the definitions of "new job," "project facility base employment," and "project facility base payroll" in the Missouri Works Program.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will cause job growth by providing incentives to businesses that create jobs in Missouri. This bill simplifies the tax credit reporting process and will increase cooperation between businesses and community colleges.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Wasson; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Missouri Community College Association; and the Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.