

HB 1742 -- HIRING PREFERENCE FOR VETERANS

SPONSOR: Davis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Development by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass- Not Consent" by the Consent and House Procedure Committee by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill allows private, nonpublic employers to grant a preference to a veteran, the spouse of a disabled veteran with a service-connected disability, or a surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, when hiring and promoting employees.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will clarify the law allowing an employer to grant veterans a preference in hiring, and assist veterans through the adjustment period of re-entering the private workforce.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Davis; Jessie Jones; and Don Koonce, Missouri National Guard & Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.