

HB 2231 -- LAND SURVEYORS

SPONSOR: Ross

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill removes any requirement for letters of reference in order to apply for enrollment as a land surveyor-in-training or to apply for licensure as a professional land surveyor. Currently, an applicant for land surveyor-in-training must provide three letters of reference, at least one of which must be from a professional land surveyor who has personal knowledge of the applicant's land surveying education or experience. An applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor must provide at least three letters of reference, all of which must be from professional land surveyors with personal knowledge of the experience of the applicant's land surveying education or experience. All other requirements would remain in effect.

This bill is the same as HB 557 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the letters of reference don't currently serve any purpose. The board does not deny applicants based on the content of these letters.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ross and Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.