

HCS HB 2666 -- DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

SPONSOR: Remole

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

This bill provides that any state development application for a business seeking to create at least 20 full-time jobs, either by expansion or relocation to Missouri, shall be approved or denied within six months from the application submission date. Any development application not approved or denied within six month's time shall be deemed approved. Once approved, no state entity shall challenge the establishment or growth of such businesses unless any requirements addressing ongoing conduct and are unrelated to business expansion or development. The state may receive an extension of its decision time period for good cause. If the applicant business challenges the extension, the state shall have the burden of proof to show good cause in court.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help promote jobs and economic development in the state by ensuring that permits are issued by state agencies in a timely manner.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Remole.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.