

SS SCS SB 549 -- MISSOURI WORKS

SPONSOR: Wasson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Economic Development by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 11 to 0.

Currently, the Missouri Works and Missouri Works Training Programs are set to expire on August 28, 2019, and July 1, 2019, respectively. This bill reauthorizes the programs until August 28, 2030.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that Missouri Works is over 90% of Missouri's economic development incentives, and should be continued to keep Missouri competitive. Missouri Works is crucial for attracting employers to Missouri and expanding existing businesses. The program is performance based, and the Missouri Works Training portion is subject to appropriation.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Wasson; Tyler Hobbs, Springfield Chamber; St. Louis Community College; Jessica Craig, Missouri Economic Development Council; Sallie Hemenway, Department of Economic Development; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and Melissa Boyd, Cerner Corporation.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.