

HB 272 -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS

SPONSOR: Shaul (113)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Small Business by a vote of 6 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill provides that all state agencies shall involve affected small businesses in the development of rules. The bill further provides that the Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board shall be an autonomous entity of the Secretary of State's office, and changes the number and procedure for appointment of board members.

This bill is the same as HB 1570 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the Secretary of State is willing to take over this board and provide administrative support to restore it to its original high functioning state serving as a voice of and intermediary for small businesses in regulatory matters.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Shaul; National Federation of Independent Business; Missouri Retailers Association; Missouri Grocers Association; Scott George; and Nancy Zurbuchen.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.