

HB 1494 -- RECIPROCAL RESIDENT BIDDING

SPONSOR: Beck

This bill requires that resident bidders on contracts for public improvement be given a preference over nonresident bidders if the state or country of the nonresident bidder gives or requires any type of preference to its bidders over nonresident bidders.

The preference for the Missouri resident bidder must equal the preference given by the state or country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

If enforcement of this statute will cause denial of federal funds, it will be suspended to the extent necessary to prevent such denial of funds.

A nonresident bidder must state on all project bid specifications and contract documents whether the state or country gives its resident bidders a preference.

The bill sets out the powers and duties of the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations regarding reciprocal resident bidding, including investigating complaints and rule-making authority. Civil penalties are provided for violations of these provisions, with the monetary amount increasing for each investigation. A review process as to an adverse decision by the department is detailed in the bill.

This bill is the same as HB 85 (2019).