

HB 908 -- NORTHWEST MO STATE STATEWIDE MISSION

SPONSOR: Andrews

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill designates Northwest Missouri State University as an institution with a statewide mission in educator preparation, emergency and disaster management, and profession-based learning. Current law provides that public institutions of higher education charged with a statewide mission shall be governed by a board of governors as described in current law. Under this bill, Northwest Missouri State University shall continue to be governed by its board of regents.

This bill is similar to SB 376 (2021).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the State Board has approved the mission statement and that this is similar language as other universities have requested. Passing this bill will help the university focus on the missions goals.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Andrews.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.