

HCR 30 -- FORGIVENESS OF INADVERTENT PAYMENTS

SPONSOR: Merideth

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Government Oversight by a vote of 7 to 1.

This resolution calls upon the Governor to forgive any inadvertent but nonfraudulent overpayments of unemployment compensation that were funded by federal moneys during the officially declared state of emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that Missourians are currently suffering and in need of relief as soon as possible. This HCR is a short term action that can be done now while the other bill moves through Congress. The State already has the authority to waive payments and this resolution would call on the Governor to use that authority.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Merideth; Missouri Budget Project; Amy Greenhalgh; Charles W Brazeale; Elad Gross; Eric Pham; John Leeman; Marissa S Crozier; Nicole Keiper; Ryan Luedloff; Scott Fredericks; Sue Greenberg, St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts; Susan Gibson; William Ford; Michael G Kovach; Bradley D Scherff; and Brandon Barnes.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that the state needs to recover these funds. These citizens were not entitled to receive these overpayments and therefore should pay them back.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie Dienoff.

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.