

SS SB 2 -- MISSOURI WORKS PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Hegeman (Falkner)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Development by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

The bill allows Missouri Works program benefits, established under sections 620.2000 to 620.2020, for qualified military projects to be based on both part time and full time jobs created by such projects.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will authorize the counting of part-time National Guard positions for the Missouri Works program which will increase tax credits to employers that create and support military personnel. The bill may also help members of the military obtain insurance benefits. The bill fixes an oversight and adds part-time military jobs to a tax credit calculation so that it will function as originally intended. A C-130 transport unit, the 139th Airlift Wing based in St. Joseph, Missouri, will benefit greatly from the bill.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Hegeman; and the St. Joseph Legislative Partnership.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.