

HCS HB 2151 -- GRANTS FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Wilson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Economic Development by a vote of 11 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2151.

Beginning January 1, 2027, this bill increases the maximum gross income for eligibility for the Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant from \$80,000 to \$100,000 for taxpayers who are married filing jointly and from \$40,000 to \$50,000 for all other taxpayers.

The bill also modifies the definition of "eligible training provider" to ensure that any training organization has been in continuous legal operation in Missouri for at least one year.

This bill is similar to HB 855 (2025) and HB 2278 (2024).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help more students qualify for and gain access to the Grant. Raising the income threshold for eligibility will allow for the fund to use more of the remaining funds as there are typically unused funds at the end of each year. This bill will create a more well trained workforce, which in turn will fill more job vacancies and stimulate the economy.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Wilson; Ozark Technical Community College; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Missouri Community College Association; Metropolitan Community College; and Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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