

HB 2855 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: Voss

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 10 to 3. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 9 to 0 with 2 members voting present.

Current law allows the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation to impose taxes or surcharges for different purposes relating to the administration of workers' compensation, with such tax rate being rounded up to the nearest one-half of a percentage point. This bill modifies the tax or surcharge rates to be rounded up to the nearest one-tenth of a percentage point.

This bill is similar to SB 932 (2026).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that it is currently necessary to over tax the current rate of .5% to ensure that employers and businesses are collecting the correct amount and comply with the law. Supporters further state that these changes will reduce this burden on employers and businesses, which will in turn allow them to reinvest that money towards more profitable aims.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Voss; Associated Industries of Missouri; Arnie Dienoff; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and Mitch Terbrock, Missouri Department of Labor.

OPPOSERS: 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.