SB 1576 -- A COMMISSION FOR THE STUDY OF TRADE WITH IRELAND

This bill establishes the "Missouri Ireland Trade Commission" within the Department of Economic Development. The Commission will be composed of nine members. Three members of the House of Representatives will be appointed by the Speaker of the House; three members of the Senate will be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate; and the three remaining members will be appointed by the Governor, as specified in the bill. Members of the Commission must be appointed no later than 90 days after the effective date of this bill and will serve two year terms. Members appointed by the Governor will serve four year terms.

The Commission must study potential means of advancing bilateral trade and investment, policy issues, business and academic exchanges, mutual economic support, and mutual investment in the infrastructure of this State and Ireland.

No later than 15 months after the effective date of this bill, and annually thereafter, the Commission must submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly detailing its findings and recommendations.

The bill also establishes the "Missouri Ireland Trade Commission Fund", which will be used for the Commission's administrative expenses.