



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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BILL NUMBER: HJR 189		DATE: 2/23/2026	
COMMITTEE: Special Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs			
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This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that would place before Missouri voters the creation of the "Show-Me Prosperity Fund," a forward-thinking, sovereign wealth-style investment vehicle designed to build long-term prosperity and, ultimately, eliminate the state's oppressive tax burden.

At its core, HJR 189 aligns perfectly with the Freedom Principle: government should not perpetually extract wealth from its citizens through income taxes, sales taxes, property taxes, and endless fees that punish productivity and drive families and businesses away. Instead, Missouri should harness its resources wisely, investing surplus revenues into a prudently managed, diversified fund that generates real returns. Over time, those earnings could fund essential services like education, roads, and public safety without continuing to confiscate earnings from Missouri families and job creators.

This isn't about expanding government—it's about shrinking it responsibly. Lower taxes mean more money in the pockets of Missourians to spend, save, invest, and build generational wealth. It makes our state more competitive, attracting businesses, entrepreneurs, and families tired of fleeing high-tax regimes elsewhere. We've seen successful models like Alaska's Permanent Fund deliver dividends and economic stability to residents. Missouri, with our abundant natural resources, strong manufacturing base, agricultural heritage, and strategic location, has even greater potential to lead in this conservative, pro-growth approach.

HJR 189 includes constitutional safeguards to ensure transparency, accountability, and fiscal discipline—no reckless spending sprees, no political favoritism. By putting this directly to the voters, we're honoring the principle that Missourians, not politicians or special interests, should decide our fiscal destiny.

The Freedom Principle MO believes in empowering citizens, not entrenching government dependency. This resolution represents a bold step toward real freedom: freedom from excessive taxation, freedom to prosper, and freedom for future generations to inherit a Missouri that rewards hard work rather than penalizes it.

We urge this committee to advance HJR 189 without delay, so Missouri voters can have their say and choose a path toward genuine, lasting prosperity.



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This won't work and will put our state into a deeper financial crisis. Stop trying to eliminate income tax and just raise it, while lowering the sales tax. If they don't "have enough funds" they can make new taxes and take from lawful sources. What does that entail? More taxes for the middle and lower class? We don't have no source of revenue like other states that have a sovereign wealth fund or a surplus of tax revenue to fund it. Nor have they used those earnings to directly eliminate and replace a specific tax. We won't see the benefits for at least 140 years and don't have any answers of they would reinstate taxes when this fails because it's "hypothetical".
It's going to once again the people of Missouri taxpayer dollars to start and fund this.



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I am Opposed to this Bill and Creating yet another Fund and another Commission to assist the Private-Sector with Corporate Hand-outs and Low-Interest Loans..