

HB 1851 -- MINIMUM WAGE

SPONSOR: Thomson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety by a vote of 8 to 2.

This bill allows the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish rules to implement the federal minimum wage provisions.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the Missouri Minimum Wage Law which passed in November 2006 did not include authority for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to make rules to interpret and enforce its provisions. Previously, the department used the definitions and rules of the federal Minimum Wage Law.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Thomson; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Missouri AFL-CIO; Missouri Grocers' Association; Associated Industries of Missouri; and Missouri Retailers Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.