

HB 2129 -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS BOARD

SPONSOR: Baker (123)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Small Business by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill requires the Department of Economic Development to provide at least one full-time professional employee, one-half full-time employee for clerical support, and an adequate budget for the Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board to meet its responsibilities.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$119,424 in FY 2009, \$130,559 in FY 2010, and \$134,474 in FY 2011. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the added staff will help the board to complete the requirements of the rules impact review. The personnel can also help get the word out about the board.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Baker (123); National Federation of Independent Business; Missouri Retailers Association; and Missouri Grocers' Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.