

HB 1313 -- DISABLED VETERAN PREFERENCE FOR STATE CONTRACTS

SPONSOR: Wright (159)

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

This bill requires the Commissioner of the Office of Administration to give preference to certain disabled veterans doing business as Missouri companies when awarding state contracts if the quality of work is equal or better and the price is the same or less.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will help veterans who have sacrificed not only personally but financially in their businesses while serving our country and brings the state bidding process more in line with the federal process.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wright (159); Dewey Riehn, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Missouri Department; Ernie Lee, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations, Military Officers Association of America, State Council; Ernie Lee, American Legion, Department of Missouri; Pat Rowe-Kerr, Missouri Veterans Commission; Deanna Noriega, Services for Independent Living; and Office of Administration.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.