

HB 892 -- MISSOURI WORKS PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Shumake

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Commerce by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, a company qualified to participate in the Missouri Works Program must offer health insurance to its full-time employees and pay 50% of his or her health insurance premiums. This bill revises the provision to include health insurance provided by a third party as long as the employer reimburses the employee for 50% of the health insurance premiums.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill allows small businesses to qualify for the tax incentives because some small businesses reimburse instead of pay for health insurance but meet all the other qualifications for the Missouri Works Program.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Shumake and Associated Industries of Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.