

HB 1010 -- UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS

SPONSOR: Brown (57)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Employment Security by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 8 to 0.

Currently, when an individual or employer repays the state for overpayment of unemployment compensation benefits, payments made toward the penalty amount due are credited to the Special Employment Security Fund. This bill requires 15% of the total amount of benefits fraudulently obtained to be deposited into the state's Unemployment Compensation Fund and the remaining penalty amount must be credited to the Special Employment Security Fund.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will allow the Division of Employment Security to use state and federal income tax refund intercepts, lottery intercepts and garnishments to recover non-fraud unemployment overpayments. This bill will improve the solvency of the unemployment trust fund and the integrity of Missouri's unemployment program.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Brown (57); Missouri Department Of Labor and Industrial Relations; Missouri Chamber Of Commerce and Industry; Associated Industries Of Missouri; Missouri Retailers Association; and Missouri Grocers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.