

HB 2087 -- MISSOURI WORKS PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Lynch

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Workforce Standards and Development by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill adds the United States Department of Defense to the term "qualified company" with respect to the Missouri Works Program, subject to specified requirements set out in the bill. This bill also prohibits the Department of Defense from applying for benefits under the program unless it is a co-applicant with an industrial development corporation or the Missouri development finance board. The industrial development corporation or the Missouri Development Finance Board must be significantly involved with the project facility where the new jobs will be located.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that there are many construction jobs that have come from military bases, so this bill is important to the entire state. Supporters say that this would allow the Department of Defense to be a qualified company, which would allow it to retain withholdings and use that money to buy land and create more jobs. This is an opportunity for Missourians to pay taxes to create jobs and keep them here.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lynch and Missouri AFL-CIO.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.