

HB 924 -- JOB RETENTION INCENTIVES

SPONSOR: Nolte

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on International Trade and Job Creation by a vote of 15 to 0.

This bill extends the issuance of job retention tax credits from August 30, 2013, to August 30, 2015, and authorizes economic incentives for job retention projects within high-risk metropolitan statistical areas as defined in the bill under the Missouri Quality Jobs Program for qualified companies that retain a specified number of existing jobs and make a specified amount of new capital investments. The economic incentives can be in the form of retaining taxes otherwise withheld from retained jobs, tax credits, or sales and use tax exemptions. The bill specifies the requirements for a qualified company to receive benefits under the program, how the benefits will be calculated, and penalties for failure to meet any requirements under the program. If a qualified company receives benefits for a job retention project within a high-risk metropolitan statistical area under the Missouri Quality Jobs Program, it cannot receive any tax credit or exemption or retain withholding taxes under the Manufacturing Jobs Act, Section 620.1910, RSMo.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost on General Revenue Fund of Unknown in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the greater Kansas City area is engaged in an economic border war with the State of Kansas. The bill is necessary to help Kansas City stop quality jobs from moving across the state line. While most economic incentive programs concentrate on new job creation, job retention is equally important.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Nolte; Troy Schulte, City of Kansas City; Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, Missouri; Kansas City Civic Council; Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; William Dietrich, Downtown Council of Kansas City; Associated Industries of Missouri; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and Kansas City Power and Light.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.