

HB 1231 -- PREFERENCE FOR MISSOURI PRODUCTS

SPONSOR: Cauthorn

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation Funding and Public Institutions by a vote of 8 to 0.

Currently, any agricultural product that has been processed or otherwise had value added to it in this state must be given preference by the Commissioner of Administration or any state agent with purchasing power whenever competing bids are comparable. This bill requires forest products and bricks to also receive the preference.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill gives Missouri companies an opportunity to better compete in the bidding process for Missouri projects. There are many instances where large companies from out of state are getting projects instead of smaller Missouri companies because their bid was a little higher.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cauthorn; Frank Korte, Mid American Brick; and Missouri Chamber of Commerce.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.