

HB 1347 -- VETERAN PREFERENCE FOR STATE CONTRACTS

SPONSOR: Franz

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill requires the Commissioner of the Office of Administration to give a bidding preference consisting of a five-point bonus on bids for goods and services manufactured, produced, or assembled by a qualified veteran-owned business headquartered in Missouri in making purchases for this state, its agencies, or political subdivisions.

The term "veteran-owned business" means a business which is owned at least 51% by one or more veterans with verifiable military service or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51% of the stock in the business is owned by one or more veterans and the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more veterans.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will give veteran business owners an advantage in the bidding process which can help them stay in business and can help them integrate back into the community.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Franz; Missouri National Guard Association; Dewey Riehn, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Missouri Department; and Darrel Dewey.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.