

HB 1530 -- UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS

SPONSOR: Brown (57)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Employment Security by a vote of 9 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 Unemployment Compensation Fund and the remaining penalty amount must be credited to the Special Employment Security Fund.

This bill is similar to HB 1010 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that employers would lose certification and access to tax credits if they are not compliant. Penalties for overpayment and interest go into a special fund, and the Department of Employment Security can use the federal treasury offset program to recover the overpayment.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Brown; Missouri Department of Labor; Missouri Division Of Employment Security; and Associated Industries Of Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.