

HB 1582 -- WITHHOLDING TAX FILING REQUIREMENTS

SPONSOR: Kelley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Financial Institutions and Taxation by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, an employer is allowed to file an annual withholding tax return instead of four quarterly returns when the aggregate amount withheld is less than \$20 in each of the four preceding quarters. The bill changes the amount to less than \$100 in each of the four preceding quarters if the employer is not otherwise required to file a withholding return on a quarterly or monthly basis.

This bill is the same as HB 502 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow about 8,000 small businesses to file annual income tax withholding. This will cut paperwork and save time for businesses as well as the Department of Revenue.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kelley; Associated Industries Of Missouri; Taxpayers Research Institute Of Missouri; Missouri Grocers' Association; Missouri Retailers Association; and the National Federation Of Independent Business.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.