

HB 2464 -- EQUITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

SPONSOR: Curtis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Urban Issues by a vote of 3 to 1.

This bill establishes the "Equity in Higher Education Funding Program." The program, subject to appropriation, will provide supplemental funding to Lincoln University and Harris-Stowe University for the purposes of ensuring those universities are funded at the same level as the University of Missouri on a per-student basis and compensating for historical disparity in funding the institutions.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill is necessary because these universities have been ham-stringed in their growth due to the historic underfunding.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Curtis; Adolphus M. Pruitt, St. Louis National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and the Missouri National Education Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.