

HB 2072 -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

SPONSOR: Andrews

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Small Business by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill requires that an employer pay an annual unemployment automation adjustment that is .015% of the employer's total taxable wages for a 12 month period ending June 30th of each year. The Division of Employment Security, within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, may reduce the percentage to ensure that the adjustment due does not exceed \$5 million annually. An employer who is liable to pay an adjustment shall be notified by March 31 of each year of the amount that is due and such amount will be considered delinquent 30 days thereafter.

This bill has an effective date of January 1, 2021.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill does not create a new tax but rather redirects the current employer tax. This new adjustment will help maintain programs within the department.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Andrews; Missouri Department of Labor; Associated Industries of Missouri; and Missouri Chamber of Commerce.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.