

HCS HB 795 -- SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY

SPONSOR: Ervin (Dethrow)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Small Business by a vote of 5 to 4.

This substitute establishes the Small Business Get Off My Back Act which provides for the recovery of small businesses. For three years, the substitute increases the annual gross volume sales limit for an exemption for the minimum wages from \$500,000 to \$1 million, prohibits any new state regulations or user fee increases except federal mandates, and allows a small business to retain 3% instead of 2% for the timely payment allowance when remitting sales tax to the Department of Revenue.

The substitute contains an emergency clause and becomes effective July 1, 2009, or upon its passage and approval, whichever is later.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of Unknown-over \$100,000 in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012. Estimated Cost on Other State Funds of Unknown in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will encourage small business during tough economic times by increasing the timely sales tax remittance, increasing the gross wage for exemption for the minimum wage, and setting a moratorium on user fees and regulations for three years.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dethrow; National Federation of Independent Business; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Missouri Restaurant Association; Missouri Retailers Association; and Missouri Grocers' Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.