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State Rep. Louis Riggs Files Bill to Address Workforce Housing and Job Training Coordination

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – State Representative Louis Riggs (R-Hannibal) has filed [HB 1451](#), which will provide workforce housing funding and create a statewide workforce development coordinator.

“Missourians are struggling with workforce housing issues to the point that we cannot recruit rural teachers because we do not have places to house them,” Riggs said. “Northeast Missouri has been working on this issue for years now and has found ways to bring quality workforce homes to our region. This bill would accelerate that process.”

“Missouri also does an excellent job in several workforce areas, such as apprenticeship and helping workers ‘reskill’ after losing their jobs. We have three departments that provide workforce training: the Departments of Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education and Workforce Development, and Economic Development,” Riggs added. “What we do not have is one person to coordinate all of these programs. This bill provides that important next step so we can avoid duplication and spend our funding more wisely.”

Rep. Louis Riggs, a Republican, represents Marion and Ralls counties (District 5) in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Riggs was elected in November 2018. For more information, please contact Rep. Riggs at 573-751-3613 or by email at Louis.Riggs@house.mo.gov.

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