

SB 932 -- UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: Loudon (Wilson, 130)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety by a vote of 12 to 4.

This bill removes the salaries of elected officials from those salaries which are not considered wages when determining the weekly partial benefit amount a partially unemployed employee is entitled to receive.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007. Estimated cost on Other State Funds of Less than \$25,000 in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that elected officials should not be treated as a special class of employees.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Loudon.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that public service involves sacrifice, and the exemption is a small pay back for the time and effort required of elected officials. Removal of the exemption may be a disincentive to a person of limited means wishing to become involved in the democratic process.

Testifying against the bill was Missouri AFL-CIO.

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