

HB 1680 -- SHOW-ME HEROES PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Davis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill changes the name of the Heroes at Home Program to the Show-Me Heroes Program and includes spouses of active duty United States military personnel to those individuals that the program can provide assistance in addressing immediate needs and employment in an attempt to keep the family from falling into poverty while the primary income earner is on active duty and for one year following discharge.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill better utilizes the Heroes at Home Program and will help create more job opportunities for returning veterans by connecting them to military friendly employers.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Davis; Department of Economic Development; Dewey Riehn, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations; Larry Kay, Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission; and Lt. Col. Allen Roling, Heroes at Home Program.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.