

HB 1870 -- BIG GOVERNMENT GET OFF MY BACK ACT

SPONSOR: Hoskins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Small Business by a vote of 17 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Commerce by a vote of 8 to 0 with 1 present.

This bill extends the provisions of the Big Government Get Off My Back Act which provides tax relief to certain small businesses for five years beginning August 28, 2016. The act:

(1) Specifies that any federal mandate compelling the state to enact, enforce, or administer a federal regulatory program must be subject to authorization through appropriation or statutory enactment;

(2) Extends the restriction on an increase of any state-imposed user fee and the requirement that any state agency proposing a rule must certify that it does not have an adverse impact on small businesses; that it is necessary to protect the life, health, or safety of the public; or that any small business is exempt from the rule; and

(3) Specifies the definition of "small business" to include businesses with fewer than 50 employees.

The bill authorizes, for tax years 2016 through 2021, an income tax deduction for a small business for each full-time job created with an annual salary of at least the county average wage as determined by the Department of Economic Development. To be a full-time job, the employee must work at least an average of 35 hours per week for a 52-week period. The business will be allowed a deduction of \$10,000 for each new full-time job created or \$20,000 for each full-time job if the business offers health insurance and pays at least 50% of the premiums.

The provisions of the bill will expire December 31, 2020.

This bill is similar to HB 32 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill extends the sunset on this act. By creating new jobs 196 small businesses qualified for this credit. Small businesses help the economy grow.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hoskins; Missouri Chamber Of Commerce And Industry; and Missouri Restaurant Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.