

HB 1384 -- NATIVE AMERICAN CRAFTS

SPONSOR: Miller

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Small Business by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill prohibits the sale of Native American arts and crafts, and other goods represented as being Native American made, unless the arts and crafts are made by citizens or members of federally recognized Native American tribes. Any merchant who knowingly violates this provision shall be subject to a fine up to \$200 and 90 days in prison.

This bill is the same as HB 350 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will ensure that arts and crafts sold as Native American art will be created by persons from a federally recognized tribe. This will prevent the appropriation of American Indian culture by persons who do not share authentic American Indian history.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Miller; Alayna Farris, Cherokee Nation; and Katherine Dickerson.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.