

HCS HB 1631 -- MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS PROGRAMS

SPONSOR: Evans

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency by a vote of 8 to 1.

This bill expands the definition of "minority business enterprise" to include a Missouri nonprofit corporation that has a majority of individuals serving on the board of directors and corporate officers who are members of a minority. The bill further expands the definition of "women's business enterprise" to include a Missouri nonprofit corporation that has a majority of individuals serving on the board of directors and corporate officers who are women.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is trying to allow nonprofit corporations to qualify or be certified in-state so that they can compete against out-of-state entities.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Evans; Darryl Mundon, RX Outreach; and Family Forward.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.