

Capitol Report

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House of Representatives Pass a Bill Focusing on Job Creation in Missouri

Putting our citizens back to work is a top priority in the House and we are passionate about our focus which is to create jobs, retain the jobs we already have in place and work to attract new business to our state.

States all over the nation are competing with us for jobs, and we must do all we can to prevent jobs from leaving Missouri.

That is why we took a large step by passing HB 1675, which takes measures to improve and protect Missouri's business climate.

This particular bill focuses on creating and maintaining jobs in our state by targeting two groups: Manufacturing Employers as well as Manufacturing suppliers.

Through this bill, employers will be allowed to keep 50% of withholding taxes for up to 10 years. This means, if manufacturing employers create new jobs, they get a tax rebate while doing so.

We are confident that this fiscal measure will give Missouri manufacturing businesses an incentive to expand their employee base and put our citizens back to work.

The state of Missouri would allow suppliers to retain a complete 100% of withholding taxes for any new jobs created and kept for 3 years.

While giving these manufacturing employers and suppliers a tax break in effort to create new jobs, we must also remember to protect Missouri taxpayers in the process.

House Bill 1675 acts as a safeguard to taxpayers in many ways, some of which include the following: If illegal aliens are employed, companies must repay the tax benefits granted to them. If the company fails to meet the requirements in the bill, they will be required to repay benefits to the state.

Last week, Brandon Rowe and his father, Shane Rowe, spent the day at the Capitol representing Operation Military Kids, an organization that strives to assist children who have a parent serving overseas in the military. Brandon attends sixth grade in Nixa, Missouri.

Both Brandon's mother and father have served overseas in the military. His father grew up in Crane, MO and currently is a Missouri State Trooper working out of Ozark, MO.

I attended the Nixa Community Foundation Awards Banquet on Thursday, February 18, at the Union Hill Church of Christ. A large crowd was present to honor recipients of several awards during the evening including the presentation of the citizen of the Year Award to Glenn Scott for his many years of service to the Nixa community. I am sure he appreciates the honor as much as I did when I was given the honor as the first recipient in year 2001.

I am a firm supporter of the Nixa Community Foundation and I believe charitable giving is an investment in our community's future. The Foundation is a public charity serving people who share a common concern—improving the quality of life in the Nixa area.

Copies of the Missouri Manual (Blue Book) are still available. Call 725-0619 or email: jay.wasson@house.mo.gov.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

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