

HCS HB 939 -- MISSOURI WORKS PROGRAM (Wilson)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Economic Development

This bill increases the total amount of benefits available to all qualified companies under the Missouri Works Program from \$6 million to \$10 million in any fiscal year.

This bill also allows retail businesses in counties of the second classification to participate in the Missouri Works Program.

Beginning January 1, 2024, this bill also allows a nonrefundable tax credit for qualified railroad track expenditures, or for qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures, in an amount equal to the taxpayer's qualified amount. For qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures, the amount of tax credit shall not exceed \$1 million for each new rail-served customer project of an eligible taxpayer. The definition of "qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures" applies to any railroad located in Missouri. The definition of "qualifying rural county" has been deleted.

The amount of tax credits for qualified railroad track expenditures shall not exceed \$4.5 million per tax year. The amount of tax credits for qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures shall not exceed \$10 million per tax year.

Any unused portion of a tax credit may be carried forward for up to five subsequent tax years. Under certain circumstances, a taxpayer may transfer all or a portion of the unused credit to any eligible customer, vendor, or taxpayer by way of a written agreement.

The Department of Economic Development shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly outlining tax credit transfers that take place each calendar year. The report will include a listing of the qualified railroad track and new rail infrastructure expenditures and a summary of the investments made by each eligible taxpayer.

This bill sunsets on December 31st, 2029.