

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Commerce** recommends **HB 2576**, as amended by House Committee, be amended on page 7, in line 33, by striking all following "(3)"; by striking all in lines 34 through 46 and inserting "*Entering and expanding employer. (A) The secretary, as a method of providing for a reduced rate of contributions to an employer shall verify the qualifications in this statute that bear a direct relation to unemployment risk for that employer.*

(B) If, as of the computation date, an eligible, positive balance employer's reserve ratio is significantly affected due to an increase in the employer's taxable payroll of at least 100% and such increase is attributable to a growth in employment, and not to a change in the taxable wage base from the previous year, the secretary shall assign a reduced rate of contributions for a period of four years.

(i) Such reduced rate of contributions shall be the new employer rate described in subsection (a)(1)(B)(i)(c) or a rate based on the employer's demonstrated risk as reflected in the employer's reserve fund ratio history.

(ii) To be eligible for such reduced rate, the employer must maintain a positive account balance throughout the reduced-rate period and must have an increase in account balance for each year.";

On page 12, in line 3, after "(v)" by inserting "For rate year 2014 and rate years thereafter, an eligible employer other than a negative account balance employer, who has filed all reports due and paid all contributions due and owing on or before January 31 of the applicable year is entitled to a rate discount of 15% except as provided in this subsection.";

On page 16, in line 10, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____Chairperson