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## **Dixon's State Employee COLA Bill Heard in Committee** *HB 1954 Helps State Workers Keep Up With Inflation*

**Jefferson City, MO** — Today, the Special Committee on Government Affairs conducted a hearing on House Bill 1954, sponsored by Rep. Bob Dixon (R-Springfield). HB 1954 ties annual increases in state employee salaries to percent changes in the federal Consumer Price Index.

“Our state employees devote themselves to working hard and guaranteeing that government operates smoothly and efficiently,” said Rep. Dixon. “They deserve to be justly compensated for their labor and their service to Missouri.”

The committee heard testimony from several state workers and organizations including Tom Newport of Communications Workers of America, Sterling Brown of Service Employees International Union, Bradley Harmon, and Donna Howard. When it was initially filed in 2006, Dixon's bill received overwhelming support, with numerous letters and calls in favor of the legislation. Two years later, the need for these salary increases is as pressing as ever.

Missouri ranks 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation in state employee pay, despite of the General Assembly passing three consecutive pay raises during the past three years. After a favorable vote by the committee, HB 1954 will be heard in the House Rules Committee.

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