

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0452-01  
Bill No.: HB 103  
Subject: Agriculture and Animals, Natural Resources Department, Conservation Department  
Type: Original  
Date: April 5, 2011

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Bill Summary: This proposal allows the Department of Conservation, in collaboration with Department of Natural Resources, to establish a program for good forest management.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assumes this proposal allows for any moneys collected by the Department of Natural Resources for removal of trees be appropriated solely for parks located in Missouri. The proposal states that the moneys collected shall not be included in the definition of total state revenue. DNR assumes this proposal is subject to appropriation.

DNR states, the Department of Conservation in collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources may establish a program for good forestry management including but not limited to the removal and planting of trees. Any monies collected by the department shall be used solely for parks located in the state of Missouri.

DNR states, Missouri Statute defines parks as lands primarily of recreational value, or of cultural values that include scenic, historic and distinctive natural features. Timber and other natural resources are protected from damage or removal.

DNR states, section 253.100 RSMo states that no timber in any state park shall be cut and removed, sold or converted into building material except on the express order of the Department of Natural Resources.

DNR states, for the purposes of this fiscal note, the Division of State Parks (DSP) assumes minimal monies would be collected for the removal of trees.

DSP assumes, one Natural Resource Steward at each of the three Missouri Park Districts to coordinate and manage the Forestry Program, and one Natural Resource Manager located in Jefferson City would be needed to implement this legislation. Duties would include planning, directing and coordinating a good forestry management program including collaboration and cooperation with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal is not mandatory, is subject to appropriations, and no monies would be received by DNR for the removal of trees. Oversight assumes any costs related to this program could be absorbed by DNR. If DNR experiences a measurable cost increase as a result of this proposal the department may seek additional funding through the appropriation process.

ASSUMPTION (Continued)

Officials at the **Department of Conservation (MDC)** state the exact fiscal impact is unknown, but could exceed \$100,000 annually if the department is responsible for conducting inventories, marking timber, handling sales, and developing timber management plans.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal is not mandatory and is subject to appropriations. Oversight assumes the Department of Conservation can absorb any costs related to this proposal. If MDC experiences a measurable cost increase as a result of this proposal the department may seek additional funding through the appropriation process.

Officials at the **Office of Administration Division of Budget and Planning (BAP)** assume the proposed legislation should not result in additional costs or savings to BAP. Any revenues derived from the timber sales authorized and earmarked by the bill for appropriation for state park purposes should increase total state revenue, regardless of the measure's provision to the contrary. BAP defers to the Department of Natural Resources for an estimate of any such increase.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

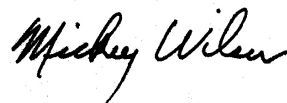
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Conservation  
Department of Natural Resources  
Office of Administration Division of Budget and Planning  
Office of Secretary of State



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