

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1727-02
Bill No.: HB 653
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Agriculture Dept.; County Government
Type: Original
Date: March 11, 2011

Bill Summary: This proposal defines “noxious weeds” and changes the requirements for control of noxious weeds.

FISCAL SUMMARY

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

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

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 7 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

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).

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

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assumes the proposed legislation seeks to define noxious weed as those designated by rule by the Department of Agriculture.

DNR states, this proposal would allow the adjoining or aggrieved entities to take civil action against a landowner for not controlling the spread of any designated noxious weed.

DNR states, the Division of State Parks (DSP) operates 85 parks and historic sites in Missouri. Management of the parks includes controlling noxious weeds. This proposal appears to be trying to bring consistency to the rules governing the control of noxious weeks. This proposal may require additional operating costs for some of our parks if DSP was required to engage in more multiflora or thistle weed control.

DNR assumes, this proposal could impact DSP if we need to engage in more multiflora or thistle control. However, DSP would anticipate any additional costs to be minimal.

Officials at the **Department of Conservation** assumes the fiscal impact is unknown as costs are dependent upon the cost of chemicals and labor needed to control problem plants and species added to the noxious plant list.

Officials at **Northwest Missouri State University** estimate this proposal would result in \$2,000 in additional chemical costs annually to the university.

Officials at the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** and **Linn State Technical College** state the impact from this proposal is unknown.

Oversight assumes any fiscal impact associated with this proposal for state agencies and local political subdivisions would be minimal and could be absorbed by the state agency or local political subdivision with existing resources.

ASSUMPTION (Continued)

Officials at the **Office of Secretary of State** states 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.

Officials at the **Department of Agriculture, Office of State Courts Administrator, State Public Defender's Office, Department of Transportation, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Parkway School District, City of Raytown, St. Louis County Government, University of Central Missouri, Missouri Western State University, Metropolitan Community College, Missouri State University Lincoln University, and Missouri Southern State University** assumes there is no fiscal impact from this proposed legislation.

Officials at the **Office of Administration - Division of Facilities Maintenance, Design and Construction** did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

<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

Small businesses may be required to address noxious weeds that are not currently required to be addressed.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

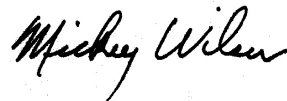
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Agriculture
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Transportation
Office of Administration -
 Division of Facilities Maintenance, Design and Construction
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Conservation
Department of Natural Resources
St. Louis County Government
University of Central Missouri
Missouri Southern State University
Parkway School District
Missouri Western State University
Linn State Technical College
City of Raytown
Lincoln University
Metropolitan Community College
Missouri State University
Northwest Missouri State University
University of Missouri
Office of State Courts Administrator
State Public Defender's Office
Office of Secretary of State

NOT RESPONDING

Office of Administration - Division of Facilities Maintenance, Design and Construction



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