

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5325-01  
Bill No.: HB 1358  
Subject: Fees; Sewers and Sewer Districts  
Type: Original  
Date: March 6, 2012

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Bill Summary: This proposal prohibits increases in premiums or fees charged for sewage or wastewater treatment in St Charles County without approval by the Public Service Commission.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<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 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Public Service Commission Fund	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</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 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</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 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</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 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** assume the current proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **County of St. Charles** did not respond to Oversight’s request for fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Public Service Commission (PSC)** state that the proposed legislation is not clear as to the extent of investigation anticipated or required in order to fulfill the Commission’s obligations under the proposed legislation.

**Oversight** assumes for fiscal note purposes that the impact on state government will be \$0 or (unknown). If there is not a request for a change in the sewage or wastewater treatment fees, than there will not be a fiscal impact. If there is a request for a change that has to be approved by PSC, than the impact is a negative unknown.

**Oversight** also assumes for fiscal note purposes that the impact to St. Charles County will be \$0 or (unknown). If there is no change in the sewage or wastewater treatment fees, than there will not be a fiscal impact. If there is a change, and it is approved by PSC, there will not be a fiscal impact. If there is a change, and it isn’t approved by PSC, the county cannot pass the fee collection on to customers, which will result in an unknown negative impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FUND</b>			
<u>Costs - Public Service Commission</u>			
Approval of increased premiums or fees charged for sewage or wastewater treatment in St. Charles County	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
<u>Costs</u> - Prohibits premium or fee increases unless approved by PSC. If the fees change but aren't approved for an increase to the customers this could result in a cost to the county.	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill prohibits any city, town, village, sewer district, or water supply district in St. Charles County that does not actually process or treat sewage or wastewater but pays a premium or fee to another entity for the service from increasing its premium or fee to customers without approval from the Missouri Public Service Commission.

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

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development  
Public Service Commission  
Department of Natural Resources

NOT RESPONDING

**County of St Charles**

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Mickey Wilson, CPA  
Director  
March 6, 2012