

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4058-03
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1992
Subject: Utilities
Type: Original
Date: February 17, 2020

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions for utility projects.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Section 393.1009 - Gas Utility Plan Projects

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) - Office of the Public Counsel (OPC)** assume there would be a need for an additional Public Utility Accountant I-III at \$50,112 annually to review the increased costs included in ISRS petitions, the increased projects, plant, and costs that will be reviewed in general rate cases. The cost for such analyst would be approximately \$65,000 annually.

Oversight assumes this legislation will not generate a sufficient workload for the OPC to require an additional FTE, and therefore assume DCI-OPC could absorb the costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DCI-OPC could request funding through the appropriation process.

Section 523.262 - Eminent Domain for Utility Purposes

Oversight assumes this proposal could impact the Grain Belt Express project in northern Missouri. According to a report by the Public Service Commission (File No. EM-2019-0150), the Grain Belt Express Project line is “sited to traverse Buchanan, Clinton, Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Randolph, Monroe and Ralls Counties, Missouri. The Grain Belt Express Project covers approximately 780 miles, and the project will primarily use a pole design which has a smaller footprint than traditional alternating current transmission lines. The structures will occupy ten acres for the entire state of Missouri.” The Joint Application of Invenergy Transmission LLC, Invenergy Investment Company LLC, Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC and Grain Belt Express Holding LLC for an Order Approving the Acquisition by Invenergy Transmission LLC of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC was approved by the PSC effective June 30, 2019.

Oversight notes this proposal narrows the scope of the bill by stating which entities are excluded from the new provisions. Oversight notes that while there may be no direct impact to the state or local governments as a result of this proposal, modifying provisions relating to the power of eminent domain for utility purposes could have an indirect impact on current and future utility projects.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Bill as whole:

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources, Attorney General's Office, the Office of Administration, the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Department of Transportation** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Oversight notes that the above mentioned agencies have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note for these agencies.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2021 (10 Mo.) | FY 2022 | FY 2023 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2021 (10 Mo.) | FY 2022 | FY 2023 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small utility businesses and/or small businesses that are impacted by eminent domain could be impacted by this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill modifies the definition of "gas utility plant projects" as it applies to the infrastructure system replacement surcharge (ISRS) for gas corporations and specifies that no entity has the power of eminent domain for the purposes of constructing aboveground merchant lines. This restriction will not apply to any rural electric cooperatives or any electrical corporation operating under a cooperative business plan.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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 Commerce and Insurance
 Public Service Commission
 Office of Public Counsel
Department of Natural Resources
Attorney General's Office
Office of Administration
Missouri Department of Conservation
Department of Transportation



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