

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3056-03
Bill No.: HCS for HB 955
Subject: Economic Development Dept.; Licenses - Professional; Health Care
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Dietician Fund	\$86,850	\$2,606	\$92,100
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$86,850	\$2,606	\$92,100

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety-Missouri State Highway Patrol** and the **Office of State Public Defender** stated this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** stated this proposal would have no fiscal impact on the Courts.

In response to the introduced version of this proposal, the **Office of Prosecution Services** indicated any costs associated with this proposal could be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state this proposal modifies the licensing of dietitians. The Division of Professional Registration could promulgate rules to enact this legislation. Based on experience with other divisions, the rules, regulations and forms issued by the Division of Professional Registration could require as many as 10 pages in the *Code of State Regulations*. For any given rule, roughly one-half again as many pages are published in the *Missouri Register* as are published in the Code because cost statements, fiscal notes and notices are not published in the Code. The estimated cost of a page in the *Missouri Register* is \$23.00. The estimated cost of a page in the *Code of State Regulations* is \$27.00. The actual costs could be more or less than the numbers given. The fiscal impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules filed, amended, rescinded and

ASSUMPTION (continued)

withdrawn. The SOS estimates the cost of this legislation to be \$615 [(10 pp x \$27) + (15 pp x \$23)].

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. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration** state this proposal creates mandatory licensure for persons who practice or offer to practice dietetics in the State of Missouri.

The Missouri Dietetic Association estimates that there will be approximately 579 applicants for licensure upon passage of this proposal. It is estimated that a \$150 application fee will be charged and a \$150 biennial fee thereafter. A 3% growth rate has also been calculated. It is assumed that all costs can be covered by the board's current appropriation.

This proposal will increase Total State Revenue.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
DIETICIAN FUND			
<u>Income - Department of Economic Development - Professional Registration</u>			
Licensure Fees	<u>\$86,850</u>	<u>\$2,606</u>	<u>\$92,100</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON DIETICIAN FUND	<u>\$86,850</u>	<u>\$2,606</u>	<u>\$92,100</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses that employ dietitians may be impacted by this proposal if the business pays the licensure fees of the employee.

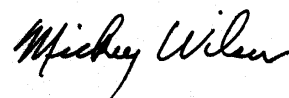
DESCRIPTION

This proposal modifies certain provisions relating to the licensing of dietitians. The proposal: (1) Establishes the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education of the American Dietetic Association as the accrediting body for persons wishing to become licensed dietitians in this state; (2) Creates definitions for "dietetic practice," "dietitian," "licensed dietitian," "medical nutrition therapy," and "registered dietitian"; (3) Places the State Committee of Dietitians within the Division of Professional Registration; (4) Authorizes the committee to assist the division in carrying out the provisions of the Dietitians Practice Act; (5) Requires the committee to approve the licensing examination; (6) Prohibits persons from using the title or holding themselves out as licensed dietitians unless duly licensed by the committee; (7) Exempts from licensure certain persons that do not hold themselves out as being licensed dietitians; and (8) Contains provisions regarding lapsed and inactive licenses.

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 Economic Development
Division of Professional Registration
Office of Secretary of State
Administrative Rules Division
Office of State Public Defender
Office of Prosecution Services
Office State Courts Administrator
Department of Public Safety
Missouri State Highway Patrol



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