

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

LR No.: 3112-01
Bill No.: HB 1433
Subject: Watershed Improvement District
Type: Original
Date: March 2, 2004

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 OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
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 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 of the **Department of Natural Resources** stated this proposal requires the Director of the Department of Natural Resources to appoint a nine member board of trustees for the watershed improvement district. Officials assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Department of Conservation** assume they would have minimal fiscal impact. Officials stated the “exact amount of impact is unknown”.

Oversight assumes this is a local district and would have no state fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes this proposal has no funding mechanism, therefore, **Oversight** assumes this proposal only authorizes the creation of a Watershed Improvement District at the discretion of the County Commissions of member counties. **Oversight** assumes no local fiscal impact. **Oversight** assumes if this proposal would have a funding mechanism then there would be income to the district from whatever source, and there would be cost of operation of the district, all of which would offset resulting in an annual zero fiscal impact, or a positive fund balance.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This bill creates the Upper White River Basin Watershed Improvement District, an area that includes Table Rock Lake, the James River, the White River, Lake Taneycomo, and Bull Shoals Lake. The district is authorized to own, install, operate, and maintain decentralized or individual on-site wastewater treatment plants.

The county commission of any county located within the district can authorize individual properties to be served by the district by adopting a resolution. Before the resolution can be adopted, a petition signed by at least 60% of the property owners within the proposed area must be filed with the commission.

Property that is currently served by a sewer district cannot be a part of the watershed improvement district unless the existing sewer district agrees to stop providing service to the property. The watershed improvement district will not provide service to any property unless the owner wants the service. Property owners who participate in the district must provide proof of creditworthiness. Sewer systems installed on property that participates in the district must meet the standards set by the district board and the appropriate state agencies.

Participating property owners must have a maintenance plan approved by the district for the sewer systems on their property, and they must execute a utilities easement to allow the district access to the system for maintenance and inspection.

DESCRIPTION continued

The watershed improvement district will have a board of trustees. The board will have nine members, each from a different county, appointed by the Department of Natural Resources. The bill specifies the length of term each trustee will serve and the manner in which successive trustees will be chosen.

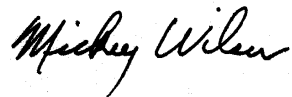
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Natural Resources
Department of Conservation

NOT RESPONDING

Ozark County Commission
Douglas County Commission



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