COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 3861-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: HB 1101

Subject: Employees - Employers; Insurance - Medical; Health, Public

<u>Type</u>: Original

Date: January 23, 2006

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	
General Revenue	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	
Other State	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	
Federal	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	
Local Government	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Insurance**, **Department of Public Safety (DPS) - Missouri State Highway Patrol**, and **Missouri Department of Conservation** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **DPS - Director's Office** defer to the Office of Administration and Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan for response since health care premiums/issues are handled through those organizations.

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation (DOT)** state the proposal provides that employers shall be permitted to provide/contract for health insurance benefits at a reduced premium rate for employees who do not smoke or use tobacco products. The language of the bill is discretionary and will not have a fiscal impact on the Missouri Highway Transportation Commission/DOT or on the Highway and Patrol Medical Plan.

Officials from the **Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (HCP)** state the proposal would permit an employer to provide health insurance benefits at a reduced premium rate or reduced deductible level for employees who do not smoke or use tobacco products. Offering reduced

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ASSUMPTION (continued)

health insurance premium rates may create an incentive for some employees to quit smoking. Therefore, over time, claims' costs could be reduced for this group. Those who do not currently smoke would also receive a lower premium but without any corresponding change in claim activity. However, an extra premium would also be required to cover the riskier population of those who do smoke. The fiscal impact of this proposal would require a consideration of the extra premium, the reduced premium for the nonsmokers, and the lower claim costs for those who quit smoking. Because HCP does not know the premium amounts or the number of employees eligible for the reduced rate, it is difficult to determine the fiscal impact of this proposal.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
Savings - Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan			
Reduction in health care premium costs	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
OTHER STATE FUNDS			
Savings - Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan			
Reduction in health care premium costs	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS			
Savings - Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan			
Reduction in health care premium costs	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>

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FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government FY 2007 FY 2008 FY 2009 (10 Mo.)

ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Savings - All Local Governments

Reduction in health insurance premiums Unknown Unknown Unknown

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

<u>Unknown</u> <u>Unknown</u> <u>Unknown</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal may impact small businesses that provide health insurance for employees by lowering insurance premiums or deductibles for employees who do not smoke or use tobacco products.

DESCRIPTION

Currently, an employer may contract for health insurance at a reduced premium rate for employees who do not smoke or use tobacco products. This proposal allows the employer to also contract for health insurance at a reduced deductible level for employees who do not smoke or use tobacco products.

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

Missouri Department of Transportation
Department of Public Safety Director's Office
Missouri State Highway Patrol
Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan
Department of Insurance
Missouri Department of Conservation

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