# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

### **FISCAL NOTE**

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 0989-03 <u>Bill No.</u>: HB 261

Subject: Courts; Environmental Protection; Liability

Type: Original

Date: February 13, 2007

Bill Summary: The proposal creates the Missouri Successor Asbestos–Related Liability

Fairness Act.

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	
General Revenue	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	
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 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

<sup>☐</sup> Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

<sup>□</sup> Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	

#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the Department of Economic Development, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on the courts.

Officials from the **Office of the Attorney General (AGO)** assume the proposal significantly alters the liabilities and remedies available to private litigants. AGO believes there is a substantial likelihood of a constitutional challenge, resulting in significant expense to the office. AGO assumes these costs would be less than \$100,000.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs</u> – Office of the Attorney General Litigation costs	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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## FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation establishes the Missouri Successor Asbestos-Related Liability Fairness Act.

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

Office of the Attorney General
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Department of Economic Development
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration

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