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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5128-02
Bill No.: HCS for HB 2147
Subject: Appropriations; Energy; Public Service Commission; Utilities
Type: Original
Date: March 10, 2008

Bill Summary: This legislation raises the utilicare cap amount from \$600 to \$800.

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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
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 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

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

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources, Division of Budget and Planning** and the **Department of Economic Development** each assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Family Support Division (FSD)** states FSD currently administers an energy assistance program funded by a federal block grant (LIHEAP) with support from state general revenue, Utilicare, the past three years. Missouri has seen level federal funding of the base appropriation for FFY 07 and 08. The state general revenue has been appropriated for the past three years at the \$5 million cap with the allowed increase which totaled \$1.4 million in SFY 08.

The energy assistance program has two components: regular heating assistance and crisis (winter and summer). This legislation would have the biggest impact on the crisis component at this time. Currently, households may receive crisis assistance during a season up to the cap amount of \$600, and as long as funds are available within the program. This legislation would increase the cap amount to \$800.

As written, the Family Support Division (FSD) would anticipate being unable to serve 33,177 households that currently receive crisis assistance as a result of this legislation; due to the fact all of the appropriated funds being spent before these households had a chance to apply. However, the fiscal impact of this legislation would be \$0.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses that sell propane and/or fuel oils could see a decrease in their "bad debt" load if funding stays level. They could see an increase in the "bad debt" load if funding decreases and caseloads drop.

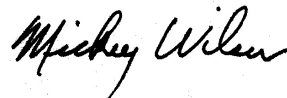
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

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

Division of Budget and Planning
Department of Economic Development
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Social Services



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