# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

#### FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 5942-01 Bill No.: HB 1815

Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Natural Resources Dept.; Parks and Recreation;

**Merchandising Practices** 

Type: Original

<u>Date</u>: March 12, 2012

Bill Summary: This proposal exempts the normal and customary use of state park trails

and roads from the prohibition on use of such trails and roads without

written permission from the Department of Natural Resources.

## **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other 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 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	
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 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials at the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** state this proposal would allow persons operating commercial and non-commercial vehicles use of roads and trails in Missouri's State Parks and Historic Sites, without permission or contractual arrangements from the department, for the purpose of transporting persons or vehicles, including, but not limited to bicycles and canoes.

DNR state the department is authorized to contract with small business to operate public services within Missouri's State Parks and Historic Sites.

DNR state currently, no person is permitted to use park facilities, buildings, trails, roads or other state park property for commercial use except by written permission or concession contract with DNR.

DNR assumes many of the concessionaire contracts the department operates under, include the use of watercraft rentals which the department receives a portion of revenue.

DNR assumes allowing canoe rental organizations to utilize state parks could potentially take away revenue received by the department from the parks that have watercraft services.

DNR assumes by allowing this exemption, the concessionaire operating the services at the park could see reduced sales of items such as watercraft and bicycle rentals. Allowing canoe rental organizations to utilize state parks could potentially take away revenue received by DNR from the parks that have watercraft services. The department receives approximately \$100,000 in annual revenue through the use of watercraft rentals.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal would allow commercial and noncommercial organizations to use trails and roads within Missouri State Parks for the purpose of transporting persons and vehicles, including but not limited to bicycles and canoes.

**Oversight** assumes any costs related to this proposal would be minimal and could be absorbed by DNR.

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## **ASSUMPTION** (Continued)

**Oversight** assumes if DNR experiences a significant increase in costs or a reduction in revenue as a result of this proposal, the department may request additional funding through the normal appropriation process.

For the purpose of the fiscal note, **Oversight** assumes there is no fiscal impact from this proposed legislation on state or local government funds..

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

## 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 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.

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# **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

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