

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4104-03  
Bill No.: HB 1074  
Subject: Environmental Protection; Natural Resources Department  
Type: Original  
Date: January 15, 2014

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Bill Summary: This proposal requires an independent study of environmental and economic need before the allowable volume of water contaminants or pollutants discharged is changed in clean water law permits.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(More than \$100,000)</b>	<b>(More than \$100,000)</b>	<b>(More than \$100,000)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ 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).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

#### **§ 644.058 - Wastewater Discharge Permits:**

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assume this proposal would only impact the permit modification applications the department receives. The number of permit modifications the department processes each year to increase or decrease the volume of any water contaminants or pollutants authorized by a permit represents a small percentage of the total permit modification applications received.

DNR states it is difficult to determine the effects of this proposal on the department's ability to operate.

DNR states it is unknown whether or not this proposed legislation would require expansion of the staffing of the Department of Natural Resources. The department assumes the fiscal impact from this proposal is unknown, but could exceed \$100,000.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal would require anytime DNR receives an application for a modification to a wastewater discharge permit, an independent study of environmental and economic need of allowable water contaminants be completed by DNR.

For the purpose of the fiscal note, **Oversight** will assume a cost of more than \$100,000 to General Revenue, for DNR to complete independent studies for modifications of wastewater discharge permits.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Costs - DNR</u>			
§ 644.058 - Independent Study of Wastewater Discharge Permits	(More than <u>\$100,000</u> )	(More than <u>\$100,000</u> )	(More than <u>\$100,000</u> )
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b>(More than <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>	<b>(More than <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>	<b>(More than <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2016	 FY 2017
	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

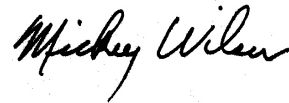
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal prohibits the Missouri Clean Water Commission from modifying any permit by increasing or decreasing the volume of any water contaminants or pollutants authorized by the permit to be discharged from any point source or changing any existing limits within the 12 months immediately before any new construction or operating permit is issued until an independent and unique study commissioned by the state verifies the environmental and economic need for the increase or decrease for each stream segment affected.

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

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