

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1315-01
Bill No.: HB 512
Subject: Insurance - General; Attorneys; Courts
Type: Original
Date: March 6, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the Civil Litigation Funding Act.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Oversight was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

In response to a similar proposal, SB 360, Oversight received the following responses:

Officials from the **Attorney General's Office** assumed that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** and the **Administrative Hearing Commission** each assumed the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration** stated it is unknown how many civil justice funding companies may need to be registered with the state. The department believes it can absorb the potential registration for a small number of entities. However, should the number of entities be greater than anticipated, or there are a large number of hearings, the department would request additional appropriation and/or FTE through the budget process.

Oversight assumes income of less than \$100,000 from applications and renewals in Section 436.570, RSMo.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Income - DIFP</u>			
Registration and Renewal Fees (\$436.570)	Less than <u>\$100,000</u>	Less than <u>\$100,000</u>	Less than <u>\$100,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>Less than \$100,000</u>	<u>Less than \$100,000</u>	<u>Less than \$100,000</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2016
(10 Mo.)

FY 2017

FY 2018

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

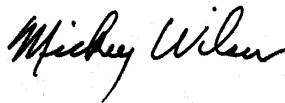
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal establishes the Civil Litigation Funding Act that requires all civil litigation fundings to meet certain specified requirements.

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 Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration
Attorney General's Office
Office of the State Courts Administrator



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