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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4406-01  
Bill No.: HB 2108  
Subject: Agriculture; Food; Department of Agriculture  
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the “Missouri Food Security Task Force.”

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Agriculture Protection Fund (0970)	(\$6,780)	(\$3,390)	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(\$6,780)</b>	<b>(\$3,390)</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 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<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 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture (MDA)** assume Section 261.450.4 states "The department of agriculture shall provide technical and administrative support as required by the task force to complete its duties." Section 261.450.5 states "Members of the task force...shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task force or any subcommittee thereof."

This fiscal note assumes that MDA, as part of its administrative support, will provide mileage reimbursement and a meal to all task force members attending the quarterly meetings. Those costs are calculated as follows:

Mileage reimbursement:

125 average miles reimbursed @ \$0.43/mile = \$53.75 X 24 task force members (excludes 3 department directors) = \$1,290 per meeting X 4 quarterly meetings = \$5,160 total mileage reimbursement.

Lunch (with meeting from 10-3) = \$15/person X 27 task force members = \$405 X 4 quarterly meetings = \$1,620

Total cost = \$6,780 Ag Protection Fund/Wine Tax

The Ag Protection fund (0970) has two primary revenue sources. Wine Tax revenues account for approximately 48% of total revenues and are used to support the Director's Office, the Division of Ag Business Development, and the State Fair.

The other 52% of revenues to the Agriculture Protection Fund are from division user fees (Plant Industries; Weights, Measures and Consumer Protection; Grain Regulatory Services; Animal Health) and are used to fund the operations of the respective divisions.

MDA notes the costs for this proposal will be paid from the wine tax portion of the Agriculture Protection Fund.

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary in regards to MDA's assumptions; therefore, Oversight will reflect MDA's costs on the fiscal note. Oversight notes the task force shall terminate on January 1, 2022; therefore, Oversight will reflect MDA's costs accordingly.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight notes there was a \$5,649,925 balance in the Agriculture Protection Fund (0970) as of February 29, 2020.

Officials from the **Missouri Senate** assume this proposal will have a negative fiscal impact of approximately \$456 for mileage reimbursement to four senators to attend the task force meetings.

**Oversight** notes MDA has specified that mileage reimbursement will be made from the Agriculture Protection Fund; therefore, Oversight will not reflect the Missouri Senate's cost on the fiscal note.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development, Missouri House of Representatives** and **Department of Health and Senior Services** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

**Oversight** notes that the agencies mentioned above have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note for these agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2021	FY 2022 (6 Mo.)	FY 2023
<b>AGRICULTURE PROTECTION FUND</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - MDA - travel related expenses for task force members	<u>(\$6,780)</u>	<u>(\$3,390)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE AGRICULTURE PROTECTION FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$6,780)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$3,390)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2021	FY 2022 (6 Mo.)	FY 2023
	<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

This bill establishes the "Missouri Food Security Task Force", which consists of 22 members, including two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the remaining members are specified in the bill. The Director of the Department of Agriculture is to ensure that the membership of the task force reflects the diversity of the state. Members serve without compensation but will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while attending meetings of the task force.

The task force shall hold its first meeting within two months of the effective date of the bill. The mission of the task force is to determine the ability of individuals throughout the state to access healthy food and identify populations and areas in which access to food is limited or uncertain; identify ways to connect resources and individuals in an effort to ensure food security; evaluate the impact of tax increment financing projects and restrictive deed covenants imposed on grocery retailers on creating and prolonging food deserts; and evaluate the potential impacts of online food retail on food insecurity in the state.

The task force must report a summary of its activities and recommendations to the General Assembly before August 28, 2021 and terminates on January 1, 2022.

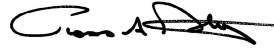
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Missouri House of Representatives  
Missouri Senate  
Department of Economic Development  
Department of Health and Senior Services



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