COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1096H.02C

Bill No.: HCS for HB 527

Subject: Utilities; Eminent Domain and Condemnation

Type: Original

Date: February 8, 2021

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions for eminent domain for utility purposes.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net			
Effect on General			
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
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 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net			
Effect on All Federal			
Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net			
Effect on FTE	0	0	0

 \square Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the Office of Administration, the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Department of Transportation each assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Missouri Department of Conservation** assumed the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the Cass County Pwsd, the Corder Water/Wastewater District, the Festus Water Department, the Glasgow Village Sld, the High Point Elementary School District, the Hughesville Water/Wastewater District, the Lexington Water/Wastewater District, the Little Blue Valley Sewer District, the Schell City Water Department, the South River Drainage District and the Tri County Water Authority each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

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

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other utilities were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

Oversight assumes this proposal could impact the Grain Belt Express project in northern Missouri. According to a report by the Public Service Commission (File No. EM-2019-0150), the Grain Belt Express Project line is "sited to traverse Buchanan, Clinton Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Randolph, Monroe and Ralls Counties, Missouri. The Grain Belt Express Project covers approximately 780 miles, and the project will primarily use a pole design which has a smaller footprint than traditional alternating current transmission lines. The structures will occupy ten acres for the entire state of Missouri." The Joint Application of Invenergy Transmission LLC, Invenergy Investment Company LLC, Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC and Grain Belt Express Holding LLC for an Order Approving the Acquisition by Invenergy Transmission LLC of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC was approved by the PSC effective June 30, 2019.

Oversight notes that while there may be no direct impact to the state or local governments as a result of this proposal, modifying provisions relating to the power of eminent domain for utility purposes could have a large indirect impact on current and future utility projects.

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FISCAL IMPACT –	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
State Government	(10 Mo.)		
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT –	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Local Government	(10 Mo.)		
	\$0	\$0	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Small utility businesses and/or small businesses that are impacted by eminent domain could be impacted by this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct 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

Department of Commerce and Insurance Department of Natural Resources Attorney General's Office Office of Administration Department of Transportation Missouri Department of Conservation Cass County Pwsd Corder Water/Wastewater District Festus Water Department Glasgow Village Sld High Point Elementary School District L.R. No. 1096H.02C Bill No. HCS HB 527 Page **5** of **5** February 8, 2021

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