

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0995H.05C  
Bill No.: HCS for HB Nos. 404 & 501  
Subject: Department of Conservation; Department of Transportation; Roads and Highways;  
Animals  
Type: Original  
Date: March 9, 2023

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the disposal of dead deer from roads and highways.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
Conservation Commission Fund	(\$762,500)	(\$915,000)	(\$915,000)
State Road Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(\$762,500)</b>	<b>(\$915,000)</b>	<b>(\$915,000)</b>

\*Transfers In and Out net to zero.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<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 \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** assume the following regarding this proposal:

Given the history of deer hits, MoDOT estimates a cost of \$915,000 per year. This is assuming an average cost to MoDOT of \$305 per deer removal for an average of 3,000 deer per year. These are the anticipated real costs incurred by MoDOT expected to be reimbursed by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) per the language of the bill.

MoDOT historically tracked and retained information regarding deer deaths beginning in May 2014. In 2016 and again in 2019, deer disposal processes changed in collaboration with MDC. At the peak time of deer disposal, an average 3,000 deer hits were reported annually, and the estimated cost was \$250. Given increased equipment, material and labor costs, an assumed inflation of 4% annually was added to the \$250 cost.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)** assumed this proposal requires MDC to reimburse MoDOT for the costs associated with removing and disposing of large dead animals from roadways. MDC assumes a negative unknown cost dependent upon the costs to MoDOT.

**Oversight** does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by MoDOT with MDC reimbursing MoDOT of the costs.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND</b>			
<u>Transfer Out</u> – to MoDOT for reimbursement of costs to remove and dispose of dead deer from roadways	<u>(\$762,500)</u>	<u>(\$915,000)</u>	<u>(\$915,000)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$762,500)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$915,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$915,000)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u> (continued)	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>STATE ROAD FUND</b>			
<u>Costs</u> – MoDOT – removal and disposal of dead deer from roadways	(\$762,500)	(\$915,000)	(\$915,000)
<u>Transfer In</u> – from MDC for reimbursement of costs to remove and dispose of dead deer from roadways	\$762,500	\$915,000	\$915,000
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE STATE ROAD FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

#### FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

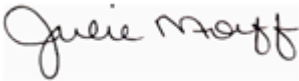
#### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to remove and bury dead deer found on a road or highway or the shoulder or right-of-way. The burial must be made on Department of Conservation land at a minimum depth of three feet. The Department of Conservation must reimburse the Department of Transportation for the costs associated with the removal and burial of dead deer as provided in the bill.

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

Missouri Department of Conservation  
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