

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0562H.01I
Bill No.: HB 78
Subject: Department of Natural Resources; Air Quality; Environmental Protection; Lakes,
Rivers and Waterways; Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Type: Original
Date: January 13, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal grants the Air Conservation Commission the authority to
create standards and guidelines.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- ☐ 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 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assume the bill text at §643.680.2 requires the Air Commission to establish standards and guidelines to prevent the intentional injection, release, or dispersion of chemicals, chemical compounds, substances, or apparatus in Missouri if it has the purpose of affecting temperature, weather, or the intensity of sunlight.

The department estimates the team member time needed to develop and move a rulemaking through the administrative process for Air Commission adoption and subsequent filing with the Secretary of State, would take about 600 hours of team member time for an Environmental Program Analyst position. This would be a one-time cost the department would intend to absorb with existing team member resources and not require any new permanent FTE's.

The department anticipates the bill's impact on air program permitting and enforcement staff would be minimal to implement the rule because the department is not aware of any activities associated with practices identified in the proposal that are currently occurring in the state.

Summary of Impact:

The 600 hours of staff time for an Environmental Program Analyst as needed to develop the rulemaking and move it through the administrative process would be a one-time cost of: \$16,662 (\$57,768 annual salary, not including fringe, indirect, and expense and equipment costs). The department anticipates being able to absorb these costs. However, until the FY 2026 budget is final, the department cannot identify specific funding sources.

Oversight assumes DNR is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DNR could absorb the costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DNR could request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Agriculture** and **Missouri Department of Conservation** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Oversight notes that the above mentioned agencies 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.

Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<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.

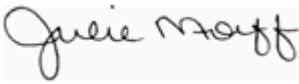
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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 Natural Resources
Missouri Department of Agriculture
Missouri Department of Conservation
Office of the Secretary of State
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules



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