COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1859H.01I Bill No.: HB 661

Subject: Utilities; Roads and Highways; Telecommunications; Cities, Towns, and Villages;

Transportation; Department of Transportation

Type: Original

Date: February 10, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal requires municipalities and the Department of Transportation to reimburse non-rate regulated utilities for site relocation costs incurred due

to road maintenance.

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	
State Road Fund	(Up to \$35,000,000)	(Up to \$35,000,000)	(Up to \$35,000,000)	
Total Estimated Net				
Effect on Other State				
Funds	(Up to \$35,000,000)	(Up to \$35,000,000)	(Up to \$35,000,000)	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	
Total Estimated Net				
Effect on All 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	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§§67.1849, 67.2707, 71.340, 226.220, 226.224, 227.558, 227.559 & 229.360 – Reimbursement of Relocation Expenses of Non-Rate-Regulated Utilities

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** state currently, if a utility sits in the state right-of-way without pre-existing land rights, the utility owner bears the cost for adjustments to facilitate highway maintenance and construction. The proposed bill would render all utility adjustments reimbursable, potentially incurring millions in annual costs to the State Road Fund. Based on relocation information from previous years statewide, MoDOT estimates annual negative impact to the State Road Fund of \$30 to \$35 million.

Oversight does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect a fiscal impact of "Up to \$35 million" to MoDOT per fiscal year.

Officials from the City of Kansas City assume this proposal has a negative fiscal impact of an indeterminate amount.

Oversight assumes local political subdivisions could incur costs related to this proposal; therefore, Oversight will reflect a fiscal impact of "Unknown" to local political subdivisions.

Oversight only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local political subdivisions were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

FISCAL IMPACT – State Government	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
	(10 Mo.)		
STATE ROAD FUND			
<u>Cost</u> – MoDOT – reimbursing costs of			
non-rate regulated utility providers for	(Up to	(Up to	(Up to
facility relocation	\$35,000,000)	\$35,000,000)	\$35,000,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON	(Up to	(Up to	(Up to
THE STATE ROAD FUND	\$35,000,000)	\$35,000,000)	\$35,000,000)

FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
	(10 Mo.)		
LOCAL POLITICAL			
SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Cost</u> – reimbursing costs of non-rate			
regulated utility providers for facility			
relocation	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON			
LOCAL POLITICAL			
SUBDIVISIONS	<u>(Unknown)</u>	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Small non-rate regulated utility providers could be positively impacted as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires municipalities and the Missouri Department of Transportation to reimburse non-rate regulated utility providers, including telecommunications, Internet, and cable providers, for facility relocation due to road maintenance or construction.

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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