

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2887H.01I  
Bill No.: HB 1318  
Subject: Department of Agriculture; Surveyors  
Type: Original  
Date: March 17, 2025

---

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies the list of duties for the state surveyor.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Revenue*	(\$635,508)	(\$494,850)	(\$503,483)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$635,508)</b>	<b>(\$494,850)</b>	<b>(\$503,483)</b>

\***Oversight** assumes the net effect is from the 4 FTE for the Missouri Department of Agriculture to restore and monument the centerline geometry of railroad rights of way.

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

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<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>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
General Revenue Fund (MDA)	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>4 FTE</b>	<b>4 FTE</b>	<b>4 FTE</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.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### Section 610.510 – Surveying Duties of the Department of Agriculture

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA)** state the exact intent of the language is unclear. "Abandoned" is not defined in the language. Therefore, the exact miles land survey would be responsible for is unclear. According to MODOT, Missouri ranks 10th in railroad miles with approximately 4,800 miles of track, 2,500 miles of yard track, and about 7,300 public and private highway rail crossings.

Upon further discussion, MDA notes that in order to perform surveys a crew of two work together. This includes a licensed surveyor (\$65,500 annually) and a technician (\$55,000 annually). Therefore, the MDA estimates the need for two additional crews, 4 total FTE, to survey the estimated retail road miles based on the amount of railroad MDA believes would need to be surveyed.

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimated impact (4 FTE) by the MDA in the fiscal note.

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** and the **Missouri Department of Conservation** both 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.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND (0101)</b>			
<u>Cost – OPC §610.510</u>			
Personal Service	(\$200,833)	(\$245,820)	(\$250,736)
Fringe Benefits	(\$133,134)	(\$161,693)	(\$163,663)
Equipment and Expense	(\$301,541)	(\$87,337)	(\$89,084)
<u>Total Cost – OPC</u>	<u>(\$635,508)</u>	<u>(\$494,850)</u>	<u>(\$503,483)</u>
FTE Change – OPC	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$635,508)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$494,850)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$503,483)</u></b>
Estimated Net FTE Change to the General Revenue Fund	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE

<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.

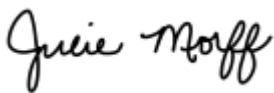
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill adds the duty of restoring and monumenting the centerline geometry of all railroad rights of ways within the State that have been abandoned by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board or previously by the United States Interstate Commerce Commission to the duties of the Department of Agriculture.

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



Julie Morff  
Director  
March 17, 2025



Jessica Harris  
Assistant Director  
March 17, 2025