

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4441H.01I

Bill No.: HB 2486

Subject: Soil Conservation; Water Resources and Water Districts; Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils; Department of Natural Resources; Department of Conservation; Environmental Protection

Type: Original

Date: January 5, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to soil and water practices.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on All Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§§278.070, 278.080, and 278.120 - Soil and Water Practices

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** state that this proposal is assessed as not having a fiscal impact to the Soil and Water Conservation Program, but it could have a procedural impact on how the cost-share appropriation is used. In the proposed bill, there are fundamental changes to the focus of the program and may require the program to do work with storm water, crop security and watershed health. All of which can be considered outside the current scope of the parks, soils, and water sales tax. The changes could lead to the need to develop new policies and practices which could also lead to the need for additional staff to address this new work. Fiscal impacts that are not known at this time.

Oversight assumes that the DNR is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes the DNR could absorb the costs related to this proposal. If the legislation passes and the DNR requires additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, the DNR could request funding through the appropriations process. Officials from the DNR assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Agriculture**, **Missouri Department of Conservation**, and the **University of Missouri System** 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 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This legislation modifies the provisions relating to soil and water practices.

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
University of Missouri System
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules



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