

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4442H.01I
Bill No.: HB 2485
Subject: Agriculture; Department of Agriculture; Animals; Fees
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes a controlled livestock grazing program within the Department of Agriculture.

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
Controlled Livestock Grazing Program Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Oversight assumes that the income (permit fees) and the costs (Missouri Department of Agriculture expenses) net zero.

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 <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Controlled Livestock Grazing Program Fund	Could exceed 3 FTE	Could exceed 3 FTE	Could exceed 3 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	Could exceed 3 FTE	Could exceed 3 FTE	Could exceed 3 FTE

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

§261.181 – Controlled Livestock Grazing Program

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA)** assume 3 FTE (2 Animal Health Officers and 1 Program Coordinator) will be required to establish this program. This proposal could have a much larger impact but without more specifics (type of animal that is grazing, who or where the grazing land is, and other important definitions such as what the controlled grazing operations are) it is difficult to give an accurate estimate. The MDA would also want to ensure this does not impact land leasing for livestock that already takes place.

Oversight does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by MDA.

Oversight notes that the proposal creates a new fund, the “Controlled Livestock Grazing Program Fund” and is subject to appropriation. Therefore, Oversight will range the fiscal impact from \$0 (fund does not receive appropriations or no applicants for a controlled livestock grazing contractor permit) to “Up to...” the cost estimates provided by MDA (fund receives appropriations or enough applicants to warrant three (3) additional FTE). The proposal does not indicate which fund any permit fees would be deposited into; therefore, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight will assume any permit fees will be deposited into the new fund.

Officials from the **Office of the State Treasurer** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

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
CONTROLLED LIVESTOCK GRAZING PROGRAM FUND			
<u>Revenue</u> - MDA (\$261.181) - permit fees p.3	Could exceed \$470,686	Could exceed \$331,889	Could exceed \$337,547
<u>Cost</u> - MDA (\$261.181) p.3	Could exceed...	Could exceed...	Could exceed...
Personnel Service	(\$173,540)	(\$177,010)	(\$180,551)
Fringe Benefits	(\$118,806)	(\$120,202)	(\$121,625)
Expense & Equipment	(\$178,340)	(\$34,677)	(\$35,371)
<u>Total Costs</u> - MDA	(\$470,686)	(\$331,889)	(\$337,547)
FTE Change	3 FTE	3 FTE	3 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE CONTROLLED LIVESTOCK GRAZING PROGRAM FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change on the Controlled Livestock Grazing Program Fund	Could exceed 3 FTE	Could exceed 3 FTE	Could exceed 3 FTE

<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

Small livestock operations could be impacted as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation establishes a controlled livestock grazing program within 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.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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