

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5271H.01P
Bill No.: Perfected HB 2096
Subject: Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils; Transportation
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to state funds for regional planning commissions.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue*	\$0 or Up to (\$555,000)	\$0 or Up to (\$577,200)	\$0 or Up to (\$599,844)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0 or Up to (\$555,000)	\$0 or Up to (\$577,200)	\$0 or Up to (\$599,844)

*Amounts reflect potential increased appropriations to Regional Planning Commissions (\$251.034)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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 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
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 or Up to \$555,000	\$0 or Up to \$577,200	\$0 or Up to \$599,844

*Amounts reflect potential increased appropriations to Regional Planning Commissions (§251.034)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§251.034 – Regional Planning Commissions

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning (B&P)** assume this legislation increases the amount of state funds Missouri regional planning commissions can receive under §251.034, RSMo. Under this legislation, the annual funding cap for the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council and Mid-America Regional Council regional planning commissions is raised from \$65,000 to \$130,000, while the remaining seventeen regional planning commission's annual funding caps are each increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Regional planning commissions' funding is subject to appropriation, so B&P assumes state costs could rise anywhere from \$0 - \$555,000 in fiscal year 2027. Further, the legislation mandates annual funding caps be adjusted with the consumer price index beginning July 1, 2026, and each year after, so state costs could rise anywhere from \$0 - \$577,200 in fiscal year 2028 and from \$0 - \$599,844 in fiscal year 2029, assuming an inflation rate of 2% each year.

B&P assumes increased state distributions to regional planning commissions will be funded through the General Revenue fund, as these grants are currently funded through General Revenue in Section 5.315 of HB 5 (2026).

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development** and **Missouri Department of Transportation** each 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.

Officials from the **Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission** assume the bill as filed increases the statutory cap of funding the state is able to provide to Regional Planning Commissions in the state as a one-to-one match with local funds as well as set a CPI increase to this cap moving forward. Actual funding is still subject to the annual state appropriation process and therefore has no immediate impact to the state budget.

Officials from the **Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council (HSTCC)** assume the proposal increases the maximum annual state allocation for Regional Planning Commissions (RPC) from \$25,000 to \$50,000. For HSTCC, this represents a 100% increase in core operating funds that support transportation planning, economic development coordination, environmental review, hazard mitigation planning, and grant assistance across Barton, Jasper, Newton, and McDonald Counties. This increase helps offset the significant rise in operating costs experienced over the past several years. The U.S. Consumer Price Index has increased more than 20% since 2020, while Missouri RPC funding has remained unchanged for decades. The adjustment restores purchasing power and allows HSTCC to maintain essential regional services without shifting additional burden to local governments.

Officials from the **Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission** assume this proposal will provide the financial security necessary for regional planning commissions to continue their mission of improving the quality of life and promoting economic prosperity. By doubling the available match and accounting for future inflation, the state ensures that regional entities have the resources to remain competitive for federal infrastructure and development awards.

Oversight notes the Regional Planning Commissions receive funds from the Office of Administration and are required to be matched with local funds. This proposal doubles those limits and also provides for adjustments with the consumer price index beginning July 1, 2027. Oversight will reflect amounts “Up to” the proposed new amounts as these are caps, not actual appropriations. Oversight will use an inflation rate of 2% to calculate the amounts for FY 2028 and beyond.

Regional Planning Commission	Current Cap on Funding	Proposed Cap on Funding
East-West	\$65,000	\$130,000
Mid-American Regional Council	\$65,000	\$130,000
South Central Ozark	\$25,000	\$50,000
Ozark Foothills	\$25,000	\$50,000
Green Hills	\$25,000	\$50,000
Bootheel	\$25,000	\$50,000
Mark Twain	\$25,000	\$50,000
Southeast Missouri	\$25,000	\$50,000
Boonslick	\$25,000	\$50,000
Northwest Missouri	\$25,000	\$50,000
Mid-Missouri	\$25,000	\$50,000
Kaysinger Basin	\$25,000	\$50,000
Lake of the Ozark	\$25,000	\$50,000
Meramec	\$25,000	\$50,000
Northeast Missouri	\$25,000	\$50,000
Harry S. Truman	\$25,000	\$50,000
MO-Kan	\$25,000	\$50,000
Pioneer Trails	\$25,000	\$50,000
Southwest Missouri	\$25,000	\$50,000
Total	\$555,000	\$1,110,000

Oversight notes the actual state expenditures for the Regional Planning Commissions have been:

FY 2021	\$291,000
FY 2022	\$388,000
FY 2023	\$543,200
FY 2024	\$543,200

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other regional planning commissions were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Transfer Out</u> (\$251.034) - to Regional Planning Commissions	\$0 or Up to <u>(\$555,000)</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>(\$577,200)</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>(\$599,844)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$0 or Up to <u>(\$555,000)</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>(\$577,200)</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>(\$599,844)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Transfer In</u> (\$251.034) – Regional Planning Commissions	\$0 or Up to <u>\$555,000</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>\$577,200</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>\$599,844</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	\$0 or Up to <u>\$555,000</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>\$577,200</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>\$599,844</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under current law, state funds for the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council and for the Mid-America Regional Council are not to exceed \$65,000 and state funds for other regional planning commissions must not exceed \$25,000. This bill changes the sums to \$130,000 and \$50,000.

Additionally, the bill removes the regional planning commissions of Show-Me, Missouri Valley, Ozark Gateway, ABCD, and Lakes County and adds Harry S. Truman, MO-Kan, Pioneer Trails, and Southwest Missouri.

Beginning July 1, 2027, the maximum grant amount for each regional planning commission will be adjusted with the Consumer Price Index.

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 Economic Development
Missouri Department of Transportation
Office of Administration - Budget and Planning
Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council
Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission
Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission



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