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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5459H.011
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 Subject: Department of Agriculture; Surveyors; Railroads
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies the list of duties for the state surveyor and authorizes the Department of Agriculture to enter into contracts to complete the work by December 31, 2046.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(Could exceed \$706,593)	(Could exceed \$498,119)	(Could exceed \$506,774)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(Could exceed \$706,593)	(Could exceed \$498,119)	(Could exceed \$506,774)

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
General Revenue	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 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

§§60.510 and 60.610– Surveying Duties of the Department of Agriculture

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA)** state:

§60.510(4)

The exact miles land survey would be responsible for is unclear, as MDA does not know how many miles of abandoned rail they would have to survey. 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, so it is likely that there will be a very significant amount of work. There is nothing in the proposal that compels owners of the rights-of-way to provide the documentation necessary to perform the work.

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 to in the fiscal note.

§60.610 – Department of Agriculture Entering into Contracts to Complete Surveying Duties

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA)** state that:

§60.610(2)

Authorizes the MDA to enter into contracts to complete this work, although with the unknown amount of railroads the agency is unable to estimate the cost contracting would require.

Oversight notes that §60.610.2 states that the MDA, as deemed necessary, can enter into contracts with registered land surveyors or professional engineers in order to plan, execute, and complete new projects to restore and monument the centerline geometry of all railroad rights of way within the state of Missouri that have been abandoned by the United States Surface Transportation Board (STB) or previously by the United States Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) no later than December 31, 2046.

Oversight will reflect a \$0 (no contracting needed) or unknown cost to the MDA for entering into contracts to complete the railroad survey project in a timely manner.

Responses regarding the proposed legislation as a whole

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Conservation,** 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.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – MDA (\$60.510) p.3</u>			
Personal Service	(\$241,000)	(\$245,820)	(\$250,736)
Fringe Benefits	(\$162,274)	(\$164,213)	(\$166,190)
Equipment and Expense	(\$303,319)	(\$88,086)	(\$89,848)
Total Cost – MDA	(\$706,593)	(\$498,119)	(\$506,774)
FTE Change – MDA	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE
<u>Cost – MDA (\$60.610) Entering into contracts to complete the project in timely manner p.3</u>	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO GENERAL REVENUE	(Could exceed \$706,593)	(Could exceed \$498,119)	(Could exceed \$506,774)
Estimated Net FTE Change to General Revenue	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE

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

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on 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 by no later than December 31, 2046. In order to plan, execute, and complete new projects, the Department of Agriculture may enter into contracts with registered land surveyors or professional engineers.

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
Missouri Department of Transportation



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