SS SB 1033 -- THE REGULATION OF AIR QUALITY

This bill modifies the provisions relating to the regulation of air quality.

EXPENDITURES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (Sections 640.220 and 643.350)

Currently, any unexpended balance in the subaccounts of the Natural Resources Protection Fund exceeding the preceding biennium's collections must revert to the General Revenue Fund at the end of each biennium. This bill requires that, beginning July 1, 2027, any unexpended balance in the subaccounts of the natural resources protection fund that exceeds the preceding biennium's collections will not revert to the General Revenue Fund.

Beginning July 1, 2027, and annually on July 1st of each year thereafter, the Commissioner of Administration must use taxable sales reports to estimate the amount of state general revenue sales and use tax derived from electric power distribution in the previous calendar year and report the amount to the State Treasurer. The Treasurer must transfer certain amounts from the general revenue sales, as specified in the bill.

Currently, a portion of the fees charged for vehicle emissions inspections is deposited into the Missouri Air Emission Reduction Fund. If the State’s net general revenue did not increase by two percent or more in the previous fiscal year, the Treasurer can instead deposit such moneys into the General Revenue Fund. This bill repeals this provision.

MOTOR VEHICLES EMISSION INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS (Section 643.315)

The bill provides that motor vehicle emissions inspection requirements do not apply to motor vehicles over 10 years old that are registered as local commercial vehicles and used for farm or farming transportation operations or that are otherwise defined as covered farm vehicles under Federal law.

COTTON GINS (Section 643.675)

This bill specifies that an owner or operator of a cotton gin that is not a class A source of air contaminants is not required to submit air dispersion modeling to the Department of Natural Resources to obtain a construction permit for the cotton gin.