# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

## **FISCAL NOTE**

<u>L.R. No.:</u> 5125-02 <u>Bill No.:</u> HB 1540

Subject: Workers Compensation; Liability; Employees - Employers

<u>Type</u>: Original

Date: February 10, 2012

Bill Summary: This proposal would modify employer and employee liability provisions as

they relate to the workers' compensation program.

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
General Revenue	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	
Conservation Commission	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
Road	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on All Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- □ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- □ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Local Government</b>	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume 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 Secretary of State's Office for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, we also recognize 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 our office can sustain with our core budget. Therefore, we reserve 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.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume that this proposal would not have a fiscal impact to their organization in excess of existing resources.

Officials from the **Office of the Attorney General** assume that any potential costs arising from this proposal could be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Office of Administration**, **Division of General Services** assume this proposal would eliminate the liability for the employer and co-worker that exists in current case law. The state covers employees for such risks under the Legal Expense Fund, and agency officials assume this proposal would result in some savings to the Legal Expense Fund.

Officials from the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **University of Missouri** assume this proposal would not result in quantifiable savings for their organization, but would be advantageous to all employers in the state.

For fiscal note purposes, **Oversigh**t will indicate unknown savings for the General Revenue Fund, the Conservation Commission Fund, the Road Fund, and for local governments.

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FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	, ,		
Savings - changes to workers' compensation law	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND			
Savings - changes to workers' compensation law	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ROAD FUND			
Savings - changes to workers' compensation law	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON ROAD FUND	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS			
Savings - changes to workers' compensation law	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
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## FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal would have a direct fiscal impact to small businesses which have employees subject to the workers' compensation program

# FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal would modify employer and employee liability provisions as they relate to the workers' compensation program.

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

Office of the Secretary of State
Office of the Attorney General
Office of Administration
General Services Division
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
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