COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 2151-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: SB 470

Subject: Insurance - General

Type: Original

<u>Date</u>: March 12, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal allows a refund of a portion of expense savings to an insured

under certain circumstances.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	
Insurance Dedicated	Up to \$14,000	\$0	\$0	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	Up to \$14,000	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration** assume insurers would be required to submit amendments to their policies to comply with legislation. Policy amendments must be submitted to the department for review along with a \$50 filing fee. The number of insurance companies writing these polices in Missouri fluctuates each year. One-time additional revenues to the Insurance Dedicated Fund are estimated to be up to \$14,000.

Additional staff and expenses are not being requested with this single proposal, but if multiple proposals pass during the legislative session which require policy form reviews the department will need to request additional staff to handle increase in workload.

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

This proposal increases Total State Revenue.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
INSURANCE DEDICATED FUND	(10 Mo.)		
Revenue - Policy Amendment Fees	<u>Up to \$14,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON INSURANCE DEDICATED FUND	<u>Up to \$14,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

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FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal authorizes a return or refund of a portion of expense savings to an insured in cases where an insured makes no reportable claim under specified coverages within a prescribed period of time. This proposal further states that such a return or refund shall not constitute a rebate or an unfair trade practice.

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

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