# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

## **FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0141S.01I Bill No.: SB 191

Subject: Capital Improvements; Contracts and Contractors; Roads and Highways;

Transportation; Department of Transportation

Type: Original

Date: February 27, 2023

Bill Summary: This proposal requires publication of a cost estimate and project completion

date for any work on the state highway system at the time bidding for a

contract on the work first closes.

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026		
<b>Total Estimated Net</b>					
<b>Effect on General</b>					
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0		

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS						
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026			
<b>Total Estimated Net</b>						
Effect on Other State						
Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0			

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026		
<b>Total Estimated Net</b>					
Effect on All Federal					
Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0		

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026		
<b>Total Estimated Net</b>					
<b>Effect on FTE</b>	0	0	0		

☐ Est	mated Net Effect (expen	ditures or reduced revenue	es) expected to exceed \$250,000 in a	ny
of t	he three fiscal years after	implementation of the act	et or at full implementation of the act.	

☐ Estimated Net I	Effect (savings	or increased	revenues)	expected to	exceed \$	250,000 in any o	of
the three fiscal	years after imp	olementation of	of the act of	r at full im	olementat	ion of the act.	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026				
Local Government \$0 \$0					

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** assume the following regarding this proposal:

MoDOT does not publish the Engineer's Estimate to maintain the integrity of the confidential bidding system and to ensure fair competition among bidders. Publishing the Engineer's Estimate would allow contractors to decipher MoDOT's estimating methodology costs which would likely contribute to bid rigging and bidder collusion. This would result in an unfair advantage to some bidders, insufficient competition between bidders, increased construction costs and a poor and inefficient use of taxpayer funds.

Additionally, the Federal Highway Administration and USDOT Office of the Inspector General both recognize the dangers of publishing the Engineer's Estimate and strongly caution against doing so to ensure adequate competition among bidders and a fair process for all bidders.

MoDOT assumes an unknown negative fiscal impact to the State Road Fund.

**Oversight** assumes the fiscal impact estimated by MoDOT would be a potential indirect impact; therefore, Oversight will not reflect a direct fiscal impact on the fiscal note.

FISCAL IMPACT – State Government	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
	(10 Mo.)		
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
	(10 Mo.)		
	<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**

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

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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