

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

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Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal creates the Missouri Geospatial Advisory Council.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(\$678,159)	(\$776,167)	(\$790,463)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$678,159)	(\$776,167)	(\$790,463)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Various State Funds	(Could exceed \$72,000)	(Could exceed \$72,000)	(Could exceed \$72,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	(Could exceed \$72,000)	(Could exceed \$72,000)	(Could exceed \$72,000)

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

§§37.1300, 37.1310, 37.1320, and 37.1330 - Missouri Geospatial Advisory Council

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning** did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact for this proposal.

Officials from the **Office of Administration – Information Technology (ITSD)** assume this Council has existed on a volunteer basis without being legislatively mandated since the mid-1990s. The Council will continue to operate as it has with or without this legislation, but addition of specific required council tasks in the legislation will necessitate four additional FTE (1 GIS Specialist at \$100,468 annually, 2 GIS Developer at \$121,501 annually, 1 GIS Manager at \$142,534 to be compliant.

- Current tasks managed by the Council are done on a volunteer basis, rather than being accounted for with staffing resources. This includes the issuing of RFPs for data acquisition, and the resulting project management needed for these projects. OA has managed many of these contracts over the years.
- It is assumed that suggestions from this Council will need resources to execute them. Anticipating these requests as likely, additional staffing is needed to fulfill them.
- Data acquisition such as aerial imagery, NG911, broadband, and flood plain management all have large GIS requirements. Data acquisitions' recommendations coming from the Council are likely to be aligned with agency/project specific funding which is not included in this estimate.

ITSD notes the past few years, there have been multiple versions of this legislation. Responses have varied depending on the specific version. In some cases, the legislation primarily aimed to establish the council, and ITSD assessed that it would have minimal or no impact. However, in scenarios like the current one, where the bill outlines specific duties that must be carried out by the council, the response changes. ITSD assumption is that the council, based on the required members, will not be able to handle the procurements and development necessary to carry out their recommendations. This is why the FTE comes into the picture compared to previous years. ITSD foresees that additional staff will be needed to support these activities.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimated FTE cost as provided by OA.

Officials from the **Missouri National Guard (MNG)** state that codified council may result in additional statutory requirements/due outs that may result in increased FTE time/effort spent on required council business. Adding future statutory or data requirements/responsibilities to the Department could lead to increased staffing requirements. It is possible that a codified council will result in additional direct or indirect costs through increased travel. A codified council

charged with this duty would most likely result in increased geospatial data development across the state, potentially reducing reliance on third party contracted data/imagery for Missouri National Guard sites. Actual cost increase or avoidance will depend on the scope and direction the council would take.

Oversight assumes the potential for reduced reliance on third party contracted data/imagery is speculative and will not reflect a cost/savings as a result.

Officials from the **Missouri Senate** anticipate a negative fiscal impact to reimburse one Senator for travel to The Missouri Geospatial Advisory Council meetings. In summary, it will cost \$2,142.00 per year if the council meets one time per month.

Oversight notes the new council will consist of roughly 34 members, meets monthly and the members will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses. Oversight assumes this proposal will require roughly \$72,000 in expense reimbursement to the 34 members for 12 meetings (34 members x 12 meetings per year x \$178 in expenses (mileage, meals, etc.)). Oversight will reflect the cost to various state funds as could exceed \$72,000.

Officials from the **Missouri House of Representatives** state that the House will absorb any reasonable expenses from the members serving on the council.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance, Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Revenue, Department of Public Safety – Directors Office, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Transportation and University of Missouri** 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 – ITSD (§§37.1300 – 37.1330) p.3</u>			
Personal Service	(\$405,003)	(\$495,724)	(\$505,639)
Fringe Benefits	(\$217,346)	(\$264,724)	(\$268,712)
Equipment and Expense	(\$55,810)	(\$15,719)	(\$16,112)
<u>Total Costs - ITSD</u>	<u>(\$678,159)</u>	<u>(\$776,167)</u>	<u>(\$790,463)</u>
FTE Change - ITSD	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$678,159)</u>	<u>(\$776,167)</u>	<u>(\$790,463)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE
VARIOUS STATE FUNDS			
<u>Cost – (§§37.1300 – 37.1330)</u> Reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses for 34 members for 12 meetings per year p.4	(Could exceed <u>\$72,000</u>)	(Could exceed <u>\$72,000</u>)	(Could exceed <u>\$72,000</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO VARIOUS STATE FUNDS	<u>(Could exceed \$72,000)</u>	<u>(Could exceed \$72,000)</u>	<u>(Could exceed \$72,000)</u>

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

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act establishes the Missouri Geospatial Advisory Council within the Office of Administration. The Council is charged with assisting and advising the state in ensuring the

availability, implementation, and enhancement of a statewide geospatial data infrastructure common to all jurisdictions through research, planning, training, and education. Appointed members of the Council shall serve three-year terms and shall serve until their successors are appointed. The duties and responsibilities of the Council are described in the act.

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 Commerce and Insurance
Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Revenue
Department of Public Safety – Directors Office
Missouri Department of Agriculture
Missouri Department of Conservation
Missouri Department of Transportation
Missouri National Guard
Office of Administration – Information Technology
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