

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6191S.01I
Bill No.: SB 1514
Subject: Agriculture; Air Quality; Department of Conservation; Economic Development;
Environmental Protection; Trees and Other Plants
Type: Original
Date: February 22, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal repeals the Missouri Economic Diversification and
Afforestation Act of 1990.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

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
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- 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

§§252.300, 252.303, 252.306, 252.309, 252.312, 252.315, 252.318, 252.321, 252.324, 252.327, 252.330, and 252.333 - Repeals the "Missouri Economic Diversification and Afforestation Act of 1990"

In response to similar legislation, SB 790 (2025), officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning (B&P)** stated that this language would repeal The Missouri Economic Diversification and Afforestation Act of 1990 which authorized the Department of Conservation to partner with the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry, the University of Missouri Extension Services, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, and private industry councils to create an agroforestry program. This program authorized incentive payments to landowners for up to seventy-five percent of the cost to establish eligible land for agroforestry purposes and then for up to ten years during the enhancement phase, which would be eliminated with this repeal.

Section 252.309 authorized the Director of the Department of Conservation to enter agreements for incentive payments. This section requires the incentive payments to be an amount substantially equal to the amount per acre that was previously paid under the federal conservation reserve program when added to any cash or in-kind net incomes produced from crops raised on the land.

Section 252.312 stipulated the incentive payments were to be made from funds available to the Department of Conservation and the soil conservation funds within the Department of Natural Resources, or any other funds appropriated by the General Assembly.

Section 252.321 removes the requirement for the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry and Extension Service to establish agroforestry demonstration areas and develop educational components associated with economic diversification and afforestation.

Section 252.330 authorized payments to land owners for planting trees on eligible land during the establishment phase. Expenses were not authorized to exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost of establishment.

Section 252.333 allowed the Department of Conservation to make incentive payments for agroforestry purposes of land enrolled in the program for up to ten years.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning** defers to the **Department of Conservation** for estimates on these potential cost-savings.

Oversight notes that upon further inquiry with the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Missouri Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Natural Resources they have all

stated there has not been any appropriation funding or FTE hired in regard to the Missouri Economic Diversification and Afforestation Act of 1990 in the past five years.

In response to similar legislation, SB 790 (2025), officials from the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** assumed any potential litigation costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources. The AGO may seek additional appropriations if the proposal results in a significant increase in litigation or investigation costs.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight assumes the AGO will be able to perform any additional duties required by this proposal with current staff and resources and will reflect no fiscal impact to the AGO for fiscal note purposes.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development, Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Department of Conservation, and University of Missouri System** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

In response to similar legislation, SB 790 (2025), officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance** assumed that the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Oversight notes that the above-mentioned agencies have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

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

This act has not been active for many years; however, to the degree that participating landowners operated small businesses on their lands, the repeal of the program could have a negative impact due to the ending of incentive payments.

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

Attorney General's Office
Department of Commerce and Insurance
Department of Economic Development
Department of Natural Resources
Missouri Department of Agriculture
Missouri Department of Conservation
Office of Administration-Budget and Planning
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