

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 2612-05
BILL NO.: HCS for SCS for SB 558
SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources; Soil and Water Commission
TYPE: Original
DATE: April 25, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume that based on experience with other divisions, the rules, regulations and forms issued by the State Soil and Water Districts Commission could require as many as approximately 40 pages in the *Code of State Regulations*. For any given rule, roughly half again as many pages are published in the *Missouri Register* as in the *Code* because cost statements, fiscal notes and the like are not repeated in *Code*. These costs are estimated. The estimated cost of a page in the *Missouri Register* is \$22.50. The estimated cost of a page in the *Code of State Regulations* is \$26.50. Therefore, the estimated costs for FY 01 are \$2,410.00. The actual costs could be more or less than the numbers given. The impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules filed, amended, rescinded or withdrawn.

The following assumptions refer to the component of the proposal relating to the composition of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture**, the **Department of Conservation** and the **Office of the Attorney General** assume their agencies would not be fiscally impacted by this proposed legislation.

Officials from the **University of Missouri** assume this proposal would have little or no fiscal impact on the University.

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assume the proposed legislation states the commission may provide training, programs and other assistance to the soil and water conservation districts for the identification and development of programs that respond to the character of the districts needs. This will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department because staff currently provides training, resources and other assistance to soil and water conservation districts. The commission already has the authority through which the districts identify and request programs that respond to particular districts' needs.

Assumptions relating to the component of the proposal addressing Soil and Water Districts

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** assume the proposed legislation requires any soil and water district to provide additional information to the Soil and Water Commission if any three business entities file a complaint with the commission regarding competition in the marketplace for marketing and selling farm products. The department assumes this will not

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result in a significant workload increase.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

In reference to the component of the proposal relating to Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the DNR noted that small businesses that sell farm products or supplies may be impacted.

DESCRIPTION

The State Soil and Water Districts Commission shall be composed of four ex-officio members and six farmer members. The Director of the Department of Conservation is added as the fourth ex-officio member. Four farmer members must be present in order to determine an action by the Commission and the chairperson may vote.

In reference to the soil and water conservation districts, this proposal requires soil and water conservation districts to obtain commission approval to continue to buy or sell farm products used in soil conservation if three or more businesses complain about the practice. The commission may grant approval only if the products are reasonably related to soil conservation and not readily available in the area. If the commission grants approval, no complaints about a

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district will be accepted for one year, and no complaints from the same businesses that initiated the approval procedure will be accepted for three years.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

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 Agriculture
Department of Conservation
Department of Natural Resources
Office of the Attorney General
Office of the Secretary of State
University of Missouri



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