

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 0121-03
BILL NO.: SB 20
SUBJECT: Non-native Species Council
TYPE: Original
DATE: January 4, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
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 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
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 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Administration** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture** (AGR) assume this proposed legislation would require a full-time Program Coordinator to administer the program and a half-time Clerk Typist III to provide the necessary clerical support. The Program Coordinator will be responsible for developing a comprehensive plan to address the effects of harmful non-native species in Missouri and control those species as determined by the Council.

Officials from the **Department of Transportation** (DHT) assume the fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time due to the broad nature of the proposed legislation. DHT noted that additional office space and other equipment will be needed to comply with this proposal, but an exact estimate cannot be made at this time due to the broad nature of the legislation.

Officials from the **Department of Health** (DOH) assume the only direct cost implication identified at this time is for the establishment of the Non-native Species Council. It is assumed that the cost for the director's participation on a rotating basis is negligible. There are apparent potential future agency actions implied, but they are based upon a management plan yet to be developed to address non-native species yet to be identified.

Officials from the **Department of Conservation** (MDC) assume the proposed legislation would appear to have fiscal impact on MDC funds as it would require noticeable staff time for service on the Non-native Species Council; writing, implementing and monitoring compliance with the Non-native Species Management Plan; and the involvement of numerous field staff to deal with non-native species issues at the local level. Fiscal impact in staff time to accomplish all of these requirements is estimated at approximately \$60,000 annually.

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** (DNR) assume the Council would be responsible for determining the amount of resources necessary to complete the Non-native Species Management Plan and that the Council would request an appropriation for dedicated staffing. The Department assumes that the equivalent of a planner and an environmental specialist would be needed to assist the Council in developing recommendations for national cooperation in addressing non-native species, develop guidance to state agencies on prevention and control of non-native species, and facilitate development of a coordinated network among state agencies to document, evaluate and monitor impacts from non-native species on the

ASSUMPTION (continued)

economy, the environment and human health. The Department will support budget initiatives of the Council.

Depending on the recommendations the Council proposes in the management plan, the Department may need to request additional resources to implement these recommendations. The recommendations may require the Department to modify their sampling and monitoring activities, change their remediation practices, and modify the soil and water cost share program.

Oversight assumes that the temporary staffing and administrative support that are to be provided to the Council by each participating agency can be absorbed. Additionally, if the Council needs dedicated staff then the Council may request appropriations for these staff members. Oversight assumes this would be accomplished during the normal budgetary process. Therefore, Oversight assumes the initial administrative impact of this proposal is \$0.

According to the proposal, state agencies whose actions affect non-native species shall attempt to prevent further impacts of non-native species. Oversight assumes state agencies which act on recommendations of the Council would request appropriations through the normal budget process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Officials from DHT noted that this proposal would have an impact on small businesses. Officials noted that any business providing goods or services to their agency could be required to certify that the products or the services they are providing are free of non-native species.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal creates the Non-native Species Council. The named members of the Council are

the Directors of the Departments of Agriculture, Conservation, Health, Natural Resources and Transportation. The Director of the Department of Conservation shall serve as the first-year Council chair and the other named members shall serve one year terms as Council chair on a rotating basis. Other agencies may be included. The five named agencies shall provide temporary staffing for the Council and the Council may request appropriations for dedicated staffing.

The Council shall establish an advisory committee to provide information and advice for consideration by the Council and shall appoint members of the advisory committee representing stakeholders. The Department of Conservation shall provide the administrative and financial support for the advisory committee.

The Council shall oversee implementation of the act, encourage planning, develop recommendations, facilitate sharing of information and prepare and issue a state Non-native Species Management Plan.

State agencies whose actions affect non-native species shall attempt to prevent the introduction of non-native species and shall not authorize actions that are likely to cause or promote the introduction or spread of non-native species.

The Non-native Species Management Plan shall be issued within 18 months following the effective date of the proposal. The plan shall be a five-year rolling plan including goals, objectives and measures of success concerning non-native species. In addition, the plan shall be updated annually.

Nothing in this proposal shall be construed to limit or override existing duties, powers or responsibilities of any stage agency as may be provided by law with regard to non-native species.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not require additional capital improvements or rental space, but would duplicate existing authority. Officials from the AGR noted that chapters 263 and 267, RSMo currently provide authority to their agency, through the state entomologist and state veterinarian, for control and quarantine of harmful plant pests and animal diseases, respectively. Officials from the AGR also noted that this proposed legislation parallels the federal Executive Order on Invasive Species.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director

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