

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0887H.02I
Bill No.: HB 61
Subject: Religion; Governor and Lt. Governor; Political Subdivisions
Type: Original
Date: January 21, 2021

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the "Missouri Religious Liberty Act".

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
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 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
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.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§1.810 – Missouri Religious Liberty Act

Officials from the **Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services** state there will be an unknown cost due to an increase in COVID-19 cases requiring disease investigation and contact tracing. It is impossible to estimate how many additional COVID-19 cases there will be as a result of religious houses of worship not abiding by social distancing.

Officials from the **City of Springfield** state the City of Springfield anticipates an unknown negative fiscal impact due to a potential increase in COVID-19 or other communicable disease cases requiring disease investigation and contact tracing. It is impossible to estimate how many additional COVID-19 cases there will be as a result of public health orders being overturned.

Oversight notes it is currently the responsibility of local public health agencies (LPHAs) to conduct disease investigation and contact tracing regardless of whether a statewide emergency has been proclaimed by the governor. It is assumed any potential costs that may be incurred as a result of this proposal are indirect costs. Therefore, Oversight will present no fiscal impact for provisions of this proposal.

Officials from the **City of Corder** and the **City of Hale** responded to **Oversight's** request for a statement of fiscal impact but did not provide any information related to that potential impact.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Public Safety**, **State Emergency Management Agency**, the **Office of the Governor**, the **City of Ballwin**, the **City of Kansas City**, the **City of O'Fallon**, the **City of St. Louis** and the **Newton County Health Department** 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.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local public health agencies and various county officials were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
	<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.

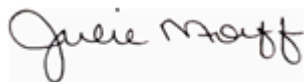
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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

Department of Health and Senior Services
 Department of Public Safety – State Emergency Management Agency
 Office of the Governor
 City of Ballwin
 City of Corder
 City of Hale
 City of Kansas City
 City of O’Fallon
 City of Springfield
 City of St. Louis
 Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services
 Newton County Health Department



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