# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

#### **FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4486S.01I Bill No.: SB 962

Subject: Capital Improvements; Contracts and Contractors; Roads and Highways;

Transportation; Department of Transportation

Type: Original

Date: January 10, 2022

Bill Summary: This proposal requires publication of a cost estimate and project completion

date for any work on the state highway system at the time bids for a contract

on the work first closes.

## **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	
<b>Total Estimated Net</b>				
Effect on General				
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025		
<b>Total Estimated Net</b>					
Effect on Other State					
Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0		

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025		
<b>Total Estimated Net</b>					
Effect on All Federal					
Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0		

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025		
<b>Total Estimated Net</b>					
<b>Effect on FTE</b>	0	0	0		

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to e	exceed \$250,000 in any
of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full imple	mentation 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 2025				
Local Government \$0 \$0					

#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** assume the following regarding this proposal:

MoDOT does not publish the Engineer's Estimate to maintain the integrity of the confidential bidding system and to ensure fair competition among bidders. Publishing the Engineer's Estimate would allow contractors to decipher MoDOT's estimating methodology costs which would likely contribute to bid rigging and bidder collusion. This would result in an unfair advantage to some bidders, insufficient competition between bidders, increased construction costs and a poor and inefficient use of taxpayer funds.

Additionally, the Federal Highway Administration and USDOT Office of the Inspector General both recognize the dangers of publishing the Engineer's Estimate and strongly caution against doing so to ensure adequate competition among bidders and a fair process for all bidders.

MoDOT assumes an unknown negative fiscal impact to the State Road Fund.

**Oversight** assumes the fiscal impact estimated by MoDOT would be an indirect impact; therefore, Oversight will not reflect a direct fiscal impact on the fiscal note.

FISCAL IMPACT – State Government	FY 2023 (10 Mo.)	FY 2024	FY 2025
	(10 1010.)		
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	(10 Mo.)		
	<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.

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## **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**

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