

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5654-01
Bill No.: HB 1634
Subject: Environmental Protection; Newspapers and Publications; Natural Resources Dept.
Type: Original
Date: February 20, 2012

Bill Summary: This proposal repeals Section 260.255 relating to the recycling of newspapers.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> 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 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assumes this proposal has the potential to positively impact small publishing businesses that publish a newspaper with a daily distribution of 15,000 or more on the first day published.

DNR assumes the economic impact of the proposed legislation would be positive as publishers would no longer be spending time to report information on recycled content newsprint used by the publication and the cost of time spent completing any associated waiver requests.

DNR states over the past 3 years, DNR has seen a steady decline in the print publications within the state required to report recycled content as evidenced by the number of certified letters mailed.

DNR states the department received 102 letters in CY 2008, 88 in CY 2009, 69 in CY 2010 and 67 in CY 2011 from newspaper publishing companies.

DNR states from the responses received thus far for CY 2011, the Department is aware several more newspaper publications will no longer meet the requirements for submitting information.

DNR assumes the proposed repeal of 260.255 RSMo will allow a minimal amount of one staff person's time to be redirected towards other environmental tasks within the Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP). The SWMP would see a minimal reduction in expenses related to the cost associated with certified mailings from newspaper publications.

Oversight assumes there is no fiscal impact from this proposed legislation on state or local government funds.

Officials at the **Office of Administration** assumes there is no fiscal impact from this proposed legislation.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Direct fiscal impact to small publishing businesses that publish a newspaper with a daily distribution of 15,000 or more on the first day published could see a positive fiscal impact.

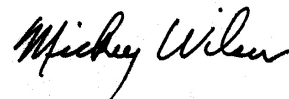
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no 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 Natural Resources
Office of Administration



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