

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5652-01
Bill No.: HB 1981
Subject: Lobbying; Ethics; Elections
Type: Original
Date: January 8, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding lobbyist expenditures.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
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 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC)** assume §105.473.14 would prohibit a lobbyist or lobbyist principal from any expenditure on behalf of a state elected or appointed official, the staff or employees of such officials or the spouse or dependent children of such officials nor shall any elected or appointed public official of the state accept any expenditure from such lobbyist or lobbyist principal.

This change would require the MEC to do the following:

- Provide information to public officials and the public as specified in the Commission duties in §105.491, 105.955.14 (4), RSMo., about the new statutory requirements; examples include providing education, developing informational materials, telephone and email assistance.
- Provide oversight in adherence to the specific gift prohibition, including reviewing lobbyist reports as established in §105.959, RSMo. This oversight, it is assumed, would be primarily from receiving written complaints, as established in §105.955.14, RSMo., through conducting investigations and the related legal actions.

It is assumed this prohibition would result in a minimal number of complaints; however, if this assumption is incorrect the Commission would require additional staff resources.

Oversight assumes that should MEC see an increase in complaints to justify additional staff resources, they can seek those resources through the appropriation process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<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.

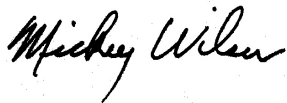
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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

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