

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0384H.03C  
Bill No.: HCS for HB 572  
Subject: Health, Public; Counties; County Officials; County Government  
Type: Original  
Date: February 4, 2021

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the powers of local health authorities.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

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

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

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

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

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services** assume 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 because it is unknown which public health orders the county commission or governing body will or won't approve. In addition, waiting for such approval will increase the number of cases. Finally, this will also result in future costs due to public health agencies not being able to pass public ordinances, rules, regulations or orders without the approval of the county commission. The inability to take quick action will potentially result in increased disease and death.

In response to a previous version, officials at **Johnson County** assumed a cost of up to \$2,000 per year to publish the adopted orders, ordinances, rules and regulations in a newspaper for 3 successive weeks.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **City of St. Louis** assumed a loss of revenue from this proposal. As written, HB 572 will prevent the City of St. Louis Health Department from being able to regulate noncompliance in a timely manner. Prior to issuing any enforcement, the Health Department will have to submit orders, ordinances, rules and regulations to all appropriate governing bodies for approval. Requiring such measures could be the difference between life and death for City citizens. During public health emergencies, public health agencies need to have the ability to implement and enforce standards established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to protect public health. Failure to do so will increase the vulnerability of the community and will result in increased spread of conditions that may harm and kill citizens.

Public health agencies must be considered the expert authority on public health and work with elected officials to ensure proper awareness and implementation. Requiring additional groups to vet the rules and regulations developed by the CDC will result in business revenue losses, increased staff time off work and increased hospitalizations and deaths, especially during public health emergencies.

Officials at the **City of Springfield** anticipate a negative fiscal impact of an unknown amount due to: (1) increased administrative costs due to additional approvals for Health Department rules and orders, and (2) deterioration of public health and increased need for response resulting in additional costs if rules and orders cannot be quickly put into place.

**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. Oversight assumes that any potential costs that may be

incurred as a result of this proposal would be indirect costs. Therefore, Oversight will present no fiscal impact for provisions of this proposal.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** and the **Department of Public Safety’s Office of the Director** 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.

Officials from the cities of **Claycomo, Corder, Hughesville, Kansas City** and **Osceola**, the **St. Louis County Board of Elections** 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.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **City of Houstonia, the City of Kirbyville, the City of Liberty, the City of Southwest, the City of O’Fallon, the City of Tipton, the Jackson County Board of Elections, the Kansas City Board of Elections, Jackson County** and the **Platte County Board of Elections** each assumed the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other cities, local election authorities, counties and county health departments 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 –</u> <u>State Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT –</u> <u>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.

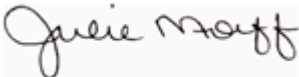
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

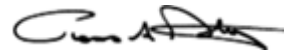
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services  
Johnson County  
St. Louis City  
City of Springfield  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Department of Public Safety - Office of the Director  
City of Claycomo  
City of Corder  
City of Hughesville  
Kansas City  
City of Osceola  
City of O'Fallon  
City of Tipton  
Jackson County Board of Elections  
Kansas City Board of Elections  
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