

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0385H.01I
Bill No.: HB 288
Subject: Health, Public; Counties; County Officials; County Government
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the powers of county health authorities during statewide emergencies.

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.

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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 \$100,000 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 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§192.300 – Powers of county health authorities

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 because it is unknown which public health orders the county commission will or won't approve.

Officials from the **Newton County Health Department** state this takes important decisions to preserve health out of the hands of public health experts and puts these decisions in the hands of elected officials who are not deemed experts in public health. This will have an impact.

Oversight notes officials from the Newton County Health Department did not respond to a request for additional information regarding their anticipated fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes it is unknown how long the current pandemic will last or when new pandemics will occur in the future. It is also unknown how much, if any, additional disease investigation and contact tracing could be required in the future. Therefore, Oversight will present the fiscal impact of this proposal to local public health agencies (LPHAs) as a range of \$0 to (Unknown) additional costs.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for the agency.

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 –</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 – Local Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – LPHAs			
<u>Costs – LPHAs (192.300)</u>			
Potential increase in costs during a statewide emergency	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS - LPHAs	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

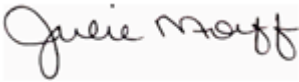
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

During a period that a statewide emergency exists, any order, rule or regulation made and promulgated in response to the emergency by a county health center board shall not become effective until approved by the county commission. County health center boards shall submit such orders, rules, and regulations to the county commission for its review, and the county commission shall approve or disapprove them as soon as practicable. (§192.300)

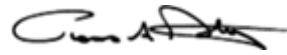
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health and Senior Services
Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services
Newton County Health Department



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