

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1825H.011
Bill No.: HB 819
Subject: Water Resources and Water Districts; Utilities
Type: Original
Date: February 19, 2021

Bill Summary: This proposal requires public water systems and public water supply districts that intend to start or stop fluoridation of their water supply on a continuing basis to seek and receive information about the impact of fluoridation from the local health department.

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.

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 \$250,000 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 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** and **Department of Health and Senior Services** 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 **Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services (PHHS)** assume there will be unknown costs as a result of this proposal. The proposal requires PHHS to provide information on the impact of public water fluoridation to any public water supply which intends to modify the fluoridation of its water supply. It is unknown how many public water supplies in Boone County will seek to change their fluoridation practices. It is also unknown how often they may seek to change fluoridation practices. The proposal will require PHHS to research fluoridation impacts and remain current on new such research.

Officials from the **Newton County Health Department** assume there would be a minimal negative impact, that being the cost of paper and toner to print materials or cost of producing informational pamphlets.

Oversight assumes local public health agencies (LPHAs) could incur some costs related to this proposal; however, Oversight notes these costs are unknown based on the information provided. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a potential “Unknown” cost to local public health agencies depending if this situation occurs.

Officials from the **Tri County Water Authority** and **Union Star Water/Wastewater** assume there will be a fiscal impact of this proposal but did not specify what that impact would be.

Officials from the **St. Louis County Health Department**, **City of Springfield Water**, **St. Charles County PWSD #2** and **Wayne County PWSD #2** 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.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other LPHA’s and water companies 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 – 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 PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES			
<u>Cost - LPHA's - to implement the proposal</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires any public water system or public water supply district that intends to start or stop fluoridation of its water supply on a continuing basis to seek and receive information about the impact of public water fluoridation from the local health department.

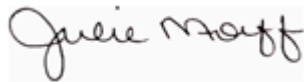
The public water system or public water supply district shall inform the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Health and Senior Services that the water system or water district has sought and received information on the impact of public water fluoridation prior to submitting notification of the water system's or water district's intention to start or stop public water fluoridation on a continuing basis.

In cases of an investor-owned water system, the entity calling for the modifications to fluoridation shall be responsible for all costs associated with compliance.

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
Department of Health and Senior Services
Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services
Newton County Health Department
Tri County Water Authority
Union Star Water/Wastewater
St. Louis County Health Department
City of Springfield Water
St. Charles Count PWSD #2
Wayne County PWSD #2



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