

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1419-05  
Bill No.: SCS for SB 278  
Subject: Public Health; Water Resources and Water Districts  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal requires public water systems and public water supply districts that intend to modify their water supply fluoridation to seek and receive information about the impact from the local health department.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<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>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<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.

This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</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 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</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 \$100,000 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 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** and **Department of Natural Resources** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

**Oversight** notes that the agencies mentioned above have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note for these agencies.

Officials from the **Dallas County Health Department** and **Adair County Health Department** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Officials from the **Perry County Health Department** assume this proposal will require more time and unknown costs.

Officials from the **Mississippi County Health Department (MCHD)** assume this proposal requires MCHD 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 Mississippi 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 their agencies to research fluoridation impacts and remain current on such research. Cost will be associated with staff time to research this information and to stay aware of these impacts. Training will also be sought to provide education to staff on fluoridation of public water supplies and cost of those trainings and travel will be at the expense of the health department.

Officials from the **Andrew County Health Department (ACHD)** and the **Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services (PHHS)** each assume this proposal will result in unknown costs. The proposal requires their agency 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 their counties will seek to change their fluoridation practices. It is also unknown how often they may seek to change fluoridation practices. The proposal will require their agencies to research fluoridation impacts and remain current on such research.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Clay County Public Health Center (CCPHC)** and the **Cole County Health Department** each assumed this proposal would result in unknown costs.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

The proposal requires their agencies 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 their counties will seek to change their fluoridation practices. It is also unknown how often they may seek to change fluoridation practices. The proposal will require their agencies to research fluoridation impacts and remain current on such research.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Stone County Health Department** assumed there would be an unknown fiscal impact due to there not being any research into the cost of producing the required information about the impact of public water fluoridation.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Bollinger County Health Department** assumed the costs could not be determined since the number of requests for information is unknown. Likewise, it is unknown if water supplies in the county will change their fluoridation practices.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Osage County Health Department** and **Audrain County Health Department** each assumed the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization.

**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.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other water districts and LPHA’s were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. For a general listing of political subdivisions included in our database, please refer to [www.legislativeoversight.mo.gov](http://www.legislativeoversight.mo.gov).

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - LPHA's - to implement this proposal	<u>\$0 or</u> (Unknown)	<u>\$0 or</u> (Unknown)	<u>\$0 or</u> (Unknown)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES</b>	<u>\$0 or</u> (Unknown)	<u>\$0 or</u> (Unknown)	<u>\$0 or</u> (Unknown)

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act requires any public water system or public water supply district that intends to modify the fluoridation of its water supply to seek and receive information about the impact of public water fluoridation from the local health department.

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  
Department of Natural Resources  
Andrew County Health Department  
Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services  
Clay County Public Health Center  
Osage County Health Department  
Cole County Health Department  
Bollinger County Health Department  
Audrain County Health Department  
Stone County Health Department  
Mississippi County Health Department  
Dallas County Health Department  
Adair County Health Department  
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