COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH **OVERSIGHT DIVISION**

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1194S.01I Bill No.: SB 301

Conservation, Department of; Liability; Property, Real and Personal Subject:

Type: Original

February 8, 2021 Date:

This proposal establishes the Prescribed Burning Act which protects a Bill Summary:

landowner from liability for a prescribed burning.

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 Other 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 All 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

 \square 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	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Public Safety's Division of Fire Safety, the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Office of the State Courts Administrator 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 **Fruitland Area Fire Protection District** 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.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other fire protection districts 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.

FISCAL IMPACT –	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
State Government	(10 Mo.)		
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT –	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Local Government	(10 Mo.)		
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Small business farmers could be impacted by this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act establishes the Prescribed Burning Act, which specifies that no landowner or agent of a landowner shall be liable for damages caused by a prescribed burning or the resulting smoke unless the landowner or agent is proven to be negligent. Additionally, unless proven to be negligent, no certified burn manager shall be liable for damages caused by a prescribed burning or the resulting smoke.

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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 Public Safety - Fire Safety
Missouri Department of Agriculture
Missouri Department of Conservation
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Fruitland Area Fire Protection District

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