

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0401-01  
Bill No.: SB 41  
Subject: Education, Higher; Spinal Cord Injury Research  
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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>
General Revenue	COULD EXCEED (\$220,000)	COULD EXCEED (\$226,600)	COULD EXCEED (\$233,398)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>COULD EXCEED (\$220,000)</b>	<b>COULD EXCEED (\$226,600)</b>	<b>COULD EXCEED (\$233,398)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</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 LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **University of Missouri** assume the proposal would result in no additional costs to the University.

Officials from the **Coordinating Board For Higher Education (CBHE)**, in a response to a similar proposal (HB 77, 2001), assume this program would not have a fiscal impact on the CBHE since the program is funded and administered through the university Board of Curators. CBHE officials assume there could be a fiscal impact on the University of Missouri.

The proposal states that the Board of Curators would request annually an appropriation of not less than \$200,000, adjusted for inflation, for research funds. The proposal also states the Board of Curators would request additional funds for administrative overhead, not to exceed 10% of the annual appropriation of research funds. Therefore, the **Oversight Division** assumes the fiscal impact to the University of Missouri would be not less than \$200,000 for research grants and not less than \$20,000 ( $\$200,000 \times 10\% = \$20,000$ ) for administrative overhead and could exceed these amounts, depending on appropriations. These amounts were adjusted by 3% annually for inflation.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Cost-University of Missouri</u>			
Research Grants	COULD EXCEED (\$200,000)	COULD EXCEED (\$206,000)	COULD EXCEED (\$212,180)
Administrative Overhead	COULD EXCEED (\$20,000)	COULD EXCEED (\$20,600)	COULD EXCEED (\$21,218)
Total <u>Cost-University of Missouri</u> *	<b>COULD EXCEED <u>(\$220,000)</u></b>	<b>COULD EXCEED <u>(\$226,600)</u></b>	<b>COULD EXCEED <u>(\$233,398)</u></b>

### **\*SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

### DESCRIPTION

The Board of Curators of the University of Missouri would award funds to investigators for research projects that promote an advancement of knowledge in the area of spinal cord injury. The Board would request annually an appropriation of not less than \$200,000, adjusted for inflation. The Board would also request additional funds for administrative overhead, not to exceed 10% of the annual appropriation of research funds.

The Advisory Board, as appointed by the Board of Curators, would solicit and select proposals for research projects according to procedures approved by the Board of Curators. The selection procedures would provide for peer review of the background and ability of each investigator, the merits of the work proposed and an evaluation of the potential for each research project to achieve productive results.

The Board of Curators, with the recommendations of the advisory board, would award funds to selected investigators. Individual awards would not exceed \$50,000 per year and would expire at the end of one or two years. Investigators would be any person with medical, biological, or allied health or life science research credentials who seeks state funding for a research project, and shall be affiliated with a public or private educational, health care, voluntary health association or research institutions which would specify the institutional official responsible for administration of the award.

Members of the advisory board and its peer review committee would be reimbursed by the Board of Curators for their actual expenses in providing services.

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

University of Missouri



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