

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	45,451		45,451	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	45,451		45,451	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 535 would add twelve members to the existing membership of the Natural Resources Commission. The direct impact of adding twelve members would be per diem, travel and meeting-related costs. The Department of Natural Resources estimates that an additional \$7,200 in per diem expenses, \$2,000 in operating expenses and \$22,050 in travel expenses would result from the addition of twelve commissioners. This equates to a \$2,604 cost per commissioner, and appears to be a reasonable estimate.

The Department of Natural Resources also states that a .50 FTE Secretary II position would be required to carry out the additional administrative duties brought about by the increased commission membership. Staffing and benefits costs would total \$14,201.

LB 535 would also state that programs and projects of a natural resources district (NRD) be shown to be wanted by a majority of the residents of the watershed. In addition, eminent domain powers would be prohibited until all other requirements for a dam or any other improvement project were complied with.

It is estimated that there could be a fiscal impact to NRDs to determine if a majority of the residents of a watershed wanted a program or project. Precise costs would depend upon the means used to determine if a project was desired by a majority of the residents.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS					
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES: I concur.					
Salaries: \$10,816					
Benefits: 3,385					
\$14,201					
LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT: I have no basis to confirm or verify NRD statement.					
PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT: I have no basis to confirm or verify NRD statement.					