

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO. 3872-02
BILL NO. HB 2098
SUBJECT: Commercial Vehicle Officers
TYPE: Original
DATE: March 24, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Funds	(\$670,800)	(\$56,691)	(\$56,691)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(\$670,800)	(\$56,691)	(\$56,691)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses
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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General, Office of State Treasurer, Office of State Public Defender**, and the **Department of Transportation** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would grant police powers to “commercial vehicle officers” with the Highway Patrol. If the legislation results in any significant increase in the volume of traffic cases, there would be a corresponding increase in the workload and costs of the judiciary.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** assume all existing commercial vehicle officers would be required to receive the 600-hour basic police training to be certified peace officers under POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training). This training would cost \$3,900 per officer for a total of \$670,800 (i.e. 172 officers x \$3,900 = \$670,800). In addition, ongoing training to remain POST certified would cost \$56,691 per year (i.e. \$20.60 per hour x 16 required hours per year = 329.60 x 172 officers = \$56,691).

Oversight assumes the proposal would establish the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Fund (CVEF) from which expenses for commercial vehicle officers shall be paid. The proposal indicates that a percentage of the fees collected by the state of Missouri from the operation of commercial vehicles will go to the CVEF. Officials from the **Department of Revenue - Division of Motor Vehicle and Driver’s Licensing** noted that approximately \$98 million was collected in FY 98 for commercial vehicle registration fees.

The proposal does not indicate the specific percentage of the fees to be transferred; however, the legislation indicates the CVEF will be used only for commercial vehicle officer expenses. Therefore, Oversight assumes the percentage of fees deposited into the CVEF will correspond with the costs for training the officers, which were the only costs noted by MHP. Oversight has not estimated costs associated with a new pay plan and rank structure. It is assumed that such changes will be cost neutral.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT FUND			
<u>Income</u> - Transfer from Highway Funds	\$670,800	\$56,691	\$56,691
<u>Cost</u> - Training	(\$670,800)	(\$56,691)	(\$56,691)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

HIGHWAY FUNDS

<u>Transfers-Out</u> - to Commercial Vehicle Officer Training Fund	(\$670,800)	(\$56,691)	(\$56,691)
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	0	0	0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would be expected due to this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation vests commercial vehicle officers with full police powers. As peace officers, commercial vehicle officers may issue tickets, make arrests, and bear arms, among other things. The proposal directs the Superintendent of the Highway Patrol to approve a required training program and establish a pay plan and rank structure for commercial vehicle officers. The proposal also designates a commercial vehicle enforcement fund, to be paid for from fees collected from the operation of commercial vehicles in Missouri. Proceeds from the fund are to pay for training, equipment, and vehicles for commercial vehicle officers.

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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

Office of Attorney General
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Public Safety
Missouri Highway Patrol
Office of Prosecution Services
Office of State Treasurer
Office of State Public Defender
Department of Transportation
Department of Revenue
Division of Motor Vehicle and Driver's Licensing

NOT RESPONDING: Office of Prosecution Services



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