

THE COST OF ASSESSING COST



Current Administrative Burden:

~3,070

Introduced Bills per Session

Projected to reach 3,251+ annual filings by 2028

~4%

Historical Pass Rate

Only ~100 bills pass per session, yet thousands trigger mandatory notes.

5.2 Million+

Total Executive Cost

Direct administrative expense to state agencies per legislative session.

Three Recommendations:

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Reduce Fiscal Note Triggers

- Engage House and Senate leadership to communicate the administrative cost to each agency
- Reduce fiscal note triggers by half and adjust timelines

METRIC	CURRENT STATE	OPTIMIZED TARGET	NET SAVINGS
FISCAL NOTES PER BILL	~9 REQUESTS/BILL	~5 REQUESTS PER BILL	45% REDUCTION IN REQUESTS
COST PER BILL	~\$3,370	~\$1,870	~\$1,500
SESSION COST PER AGENCY	~\$308,000	~\$171,000	~\$137,000
STAFF HOURS PER AGENCY / SESSION	~7,550 HOURS	~ 4,200 HOURS	~3,350 STAFF HOURS RECLAIMED
~\$2.3 MILLION TOTAL STATEWIDE SAVINGS / SESSION	3,350+ HOURS RECLAIMED PER AGENCY / SESSION	45% CUT IN ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW BURDEN	

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Targeted Education and Strategic Communication

- Strengthen collaboration between executive agencies and Legislative Oversight
- Define common terms and set guardrails for consistent responses
- Leverage AI tools

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MOLIS Enhancements

- AI Embedded Agency Profiles
- Smart Bill Comparison Software
- A “non-applicable” button to exclude agencies from repeated requests.

Key Takeaway:

The State of Missouri spends an estimated \$5.2 Million annually in state employee hours preparing fiscal note reviews for legislative bills- over 96% of which never pass. By reducing triggers, standardizing training, and implementing MOLIS enhancements, Missouri can cut administrative burden by 50%, reallocating those hours to serving the people of Missouri. We ask for your support in backing these updates.

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