



MISSOURI LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CLASS 16 · CAPSTONE PRESENTATION

The Cost of Assessing Cost

Optimizing the Fiscal Note Process

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The Legislative Reality

BILL FILINGS CLIMBING

+60% Growth

In introduced bills since 2021

- 2021 Filings: 1,935 bills
- 2026 Filings: 3,070 bills
- 2028 Projection: 3,250+ annual filings

The rising volume of introductions exponentially increases the administrative strain, despite no increase in passed legislation.

HISTORICAL PASS RATE

~4% Pass Rate

Only 100 bills passed last session

- 96% of bills never become law
- Thousands of reviews serve zero functional purpose
- 27,000+ total reviews triggered in 2026 alone

Because every step of a bill's life triggers a fresh fiscal note request, executive staff are trapped in a feedback loop.



The Financial & Operational Toll

AGENCY CASE STUDY: DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

\$308,000 & 7,500 Hours

Consumed per session on 821 review requests

- DNR represents an average-impact department
- Operational Cost: Senior environmental engineers and scientists must repeatedly postpone work to prioritize reviews

ESTIMATED STATEWIDE IMPACT

\$5.2 Million

Spent on review labor per legislative session

- Costs represent 17 Executive Departments
- Excludes benefits, fringe, and indirect agency overhead
- Pulls key personnel from high-value public service work



Reducing the Triggers

CURRENT STATE

~9 Reviews

per introduced bill on average

- Cost per Bill (Agencies Combined): ~\$3,370
- Workload per Session (DNR): 821 Reviews
- Time spent on failed bills: 96%
- Redundant reviews triggered by minor procedural steps and non-fiscal amendments

OPTIMIZED TARGET (PROPOSED)

~5 Reviews

Cut review burden by 45% by having the first review due prior to a bill being heard in committee

- Reclaimed Hours: 3,350
- Focus resources on high-probability legislation
- Integrity Protected: Fully preserves thorough fiscal reviews for bills likely to advance



Education & MOLIS Upgrades

RECOMMENDATION 2: EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION

Standardize Terminology

- Define common terms like 'similar' vs. 'identical' bills.
- Establish executive-wide guardrails to guarantee consistent, uniform agency responses.
- Train agency staff to leverage AI research tools.

RECOMMENDATION 3: MOLIS SYSTEM UPGRADES

Three MOLIS Upgrades

1. AI-Embedded Agency Profiles
2. Smart Bill Comparison
3. Non-Applicable Button



Three Targeted Moves, One Efficient System

1. ADVOCATE

Reduce Triggers by Half

2. EDUCATE

Standardization & Communication

3. ENHANCE

Modernize MOLIS Software

THE ASK TODAY: PARTNERSHIP & SUPPORT

With your support for legislative engagement to adjust triggers, and assistance implementing education standardization and MOLIS enhancements, we can eliminate non-value work and reclaim thousands of high-value employee hours to better serve the people of Missouri.