

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2023 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2023 BR NUMBER 299

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 157

TITLE AN ACT relating to urban search and rescue and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSOR Representative Mark Hart

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: YES NO UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
 LOCAL MANDATE CORRECTIONS IMPACT HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Kentucky Department of Military Affairs Division of
Emergency Management

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED Kentucky Urban
Search and Rescue Program fund

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2022-2023	2023-2024	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			Indeterminable
NET EFFECT			(Indeterminable)

() indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The purpose of this measure is to establish the Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Program as part of the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs (KDMA) Division of Emergency Management and to create a corresponding restricted fund in the State Treasury called the Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Program fund.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: HB 157 would have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth in this fiscal biennium, though the future cost of the mandated program is indeterminable. The bill creates the Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Program (USAR) fund as the funding source for the Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Program, however, because this restricted fund would depend on future appropriated funds, grants, and gifts, HB 157 itself has no cost.

According to testimony provided by Captain Ryan Hogsten and Lieutenant Doug Hargreaves of the Lexington Fire Department to the Interim Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government on November 2, 2022, the estimated cost to establish and operate the program would be \$12,875,000 in the first year and \$12,959,000 in the second year with an ongoing annual cost of \$3,100,000, though these amounts are subject to change over time.

This estimate is based on the ten regional team model responsible for:

- Search
- Rescue
- Hazmat
- Medical
- Planning
- Safety
- Canines

Included in the above estimated cost are six full-time program directors and assistant directors, equipment and fleet, warehousing, team personnel, and advanced training of USAR personnel.

The Kentucky Department of Military Affairs (KDMA) Division of Emergency Management has not provided a cost estimate on the program.

DATA SOURCE(S): LRC Staff

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