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Is the Missouri Oversight Division Biased? Analyzing Missouri Fiscal Note Data 2000-2020

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Bureaucratic institutions have a significant role in policymaking, despite their unelected status. While there is literature surrounding federal bureaucratic institutions like the Congressional Budget Office and the Federal Reserve, there is a gap in the literature regarding state legislatures and their bureaucratic institutions. Applying current, general theory about bureaucratic behavior and bias, and combining quantitative data from Missouri, this study analyzes potential bias in the Missouri State Oversight Division as a model for future analyses in other states. This study uses a combination of regression and classification methods to research any potential relationships between the governor's administration, legislator party, or leadership position. The results of this study will be presented at the forum.