

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Atkinson, Bates, Beyer, Prozanski, Avakian
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/08

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules establishing maximum permissible amounts of noxious weed seeds in wild bird feed.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The presence of noxious weed seeds in bird seed
- Other state laws regulating wild bird feed
- Whether other feed should be regulated

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Recent studies and incidents have shown serious levels of viable noxious weed seed contamination in bird seed. The Department of Agriculture does not currently have the authority to regulate wild bird seed.