

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder

Nays: Atkinson

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/30, 5/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires that Governor appoint two board members to Board of Agriculture who are not actively involved in production of agricultural commodities to be representatives of public interest.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Challenge to find people willing to participate that are not actively involved in the agriculture industry
- Maintain balanced input

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Agriculture is comprised of nine members, seven of whom have to be actively engaged in the production of agriculture commodities. Currently, two members are appointed to represent public interest and are required to not be actively involved in the agriculture industry. House Bill 2210A changes the requirement for the two representatives of the public interest. Under this legislation, the public representatives are only required to not be actively involved in the production of agricultural commodities. All of the members are appointed by the Governor to serve a four year term.