

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 7 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Roblan, Schaufler, VanOrman, Clem

Nays: Wingard

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/5, 5/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases amount below which Department of Agriculture may refuse to issue a payment refund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Staff time required to calculate and process automatic refunds
- Crediting overpayment toward future license or permit renewal
- Depositing overpayments into an account for unclaimed property

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Agriculture (the Department) reports that it takes approximately one hour of staff time to process a refund for an overpayment, and that the cost of processing a refund is approximately \$31.45. The Department currently automatically refunds overpayments of \$5.00 or more. Senate Bill 187 would increase that threshold amount to \$25.00. The Department also reports that any refund, in any amount, is processed upon receipt of a written request.