

SB 256

Relating to businesses dealing in plants

SB 256 raises the caps on license fees for both Christmas tree growers and nurseries. The bill also updates nursery inspection laws to incorporate national model law guidance developed by the National Plant Board. Nursery fees were raised in 2013-15, generating \$436,206 in additional revenue per biennium. The Department of Agriculture does not anticipate raising these fees during the 2015-17 biennium.

Your Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 256 be reported out do pass.