

**HB 2443**

**Relating to soil enhancing products**

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HB 2443 increases some Department of Agriculture Fertilizer program fees to make \$70,000 Other Funds available for research grants related to fertilizer and water quality. The measure also increases fertilizer product evaluation fees to a maximum of \$500 due to the complexity of new products being evaluated by the Department. Finally, the bill makes changes to existing statutes to comply with recommendations on national standards.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2443 be reported out do pass.