

**REVENUE IMPACT OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION
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**Bill Number: HB 2723 - B
Revenue Area: Property Tax
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***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official***

Measure Description:

Authorizes county or city to designate any urbanized area of county or city as urban agriculture incentive zone. Allows city or county that designates an urban agriculture incentive zone to enter into an agreement with an owner of unimproved land within an urban agriculture incentive zone. Providing gross income requirements are met, during the five years of the agreement, the unimproved land is specially assessed as farmland. As part of agreement, owner must agree to restrict use of unimproved land to small-scale urban agricultural production for five consecutive years.

Revenue Impact (in \$Millions): No direct impact upon property tax revenues.

Impact Explanation:

As the measure allows but does not require cities and counties to designate urban agriculture incentive zones, the measure as amended has no direct impact upon property tax revenues. If a city or county designates a zone, impact upon revenue will be dependent upon the number of properties the county or city enters into an agreement with and the difference in valuation between a qualifying property's current-law assessed value and the property's value under farmland special assessment. A secondary impact could result from more property being left undeveloped that would, absent the special assessment, be developed and pay tax upon the land and improvements on the now developed property.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes No

The policy purpose of this measure is to allow cities and counties the ability to designate urban agriculture incentive zones, and as a result, to incentivize and provide tax relief for small-scale urban agricultural production.