

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2535 - 1

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Measure Description:

Requires State Department of Agriculture to conduct four-year pilot program for replacing noxious weeds that supply pollen and nectar to pollinating insects with noninvasive forage plants offering similar benefit for pollinating insects.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Agriculture

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund	\$260,014	\$266,017
Total Funds	\$260,014	\$266,017
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.50	0.50

Analysis:

HB 2535-1 directs the Director of Agriculture to establish a pilot program to control noxious weeds and to replace noxious weeds with forage species that are suitable for pollination by insects. The bill authorizes the Department to seek gifts, grants, or donations from public or private sources to support the pilot program.

The Department has indicated that the work associated with the bill would require the addition of 1 position (0.50 FTE), classified as a Natural Resource Specialist 4, to oversee the project's implementation and to assist with existing operations. Total Personal Services costs are estimated to be \$94,530 for the 2017-19 biennium, and \$100,533 for the 2019-21 biennium. Associated Services and Supplies costs are estimated to be \$15,484 in both the 2017-19 and 2019-21 biennia.

Additionally, contracted resources would be required to assist with survey work and is estimated at \$100,000 for both the 2017-19 and 2019-21 biennium. The cost of plant starts is also estimated at \$50,000 per biennium.

Since no certain source of funding is identified in the bill, it is assumed that costs to conduct a pilot program would be paid from the General Fund.