

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5003

Relating to state financial administration

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Pham

HB 5003 is the fee ratification bill for the Department of Agriculture. The bill includes changes to fees that were administratively adopted or adjusted by rule during the interim and must be ratified through the next legislative session.

The measure includes changes to the pesticide registration fee, industrial hemp license fees, Seed Program fees, food safety license fees, and livestock identification fees.

Additionally, a fee increase for the Certifications Program was necessary for compliance with a cooperative agreement between the Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Prior to the adoption of these fees in the current biennium, the Department consulted with its advisory committees, and completed the administrative process, including stakeholder engagement. This ratification enables continuation of the Department's fee supported programs.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 5003 be reported out do pass.