

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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LRB Number 15-2726/1	Introduction Number AB-0760
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Description
 Reimbursement of costs for certain enforcement actions by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill expands the type of enforcement actions in which a court may order a defendant to reimburse the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for its costs incurred in preparing and prosecuting the action, to include actions relating to future service plans, rental vehicles, self-service storage facilities, time shares, and foreclosure consultants. Current law allows a court to make such an order only in certain other DATCP enforcement actions.

This change will have a positive fiscal effect on the department, expanding the department's ability to seek reimbursement of investigation costs. The exact amount cannot be determined because the agency does not know how many, or in which, cases a court may choose to order the reimbursement.

Since the bill does not create any new areas of enforcement, the actual workload for DATCP staff would not change. Therefore, this bill would neither increase nor decrease investigation costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

A change in law will have the potential to increase reimbursements in future years. Revenues would fluctuate based on court actions.