

Fiscal Estimate - 2025 Session

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LRB Number 25-2335/1	Introduction Number AB-0117	
Description hunting of sandhill cranes, programs related to sandhill crane damage, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation		
Fiscal Effect State: ☐ No State Fiscal Effect ☐ Indeterminate ☒ Increase Existing Appropriations ☐ Decrease Existing Appropriations ☒ Create New Appropriations ☐ Increase Existing Revenues ☐ Decrease Existing Revenues ☒ Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Decrease Costs Local: ☒ No Local Government Costs ☐ Indeterminate 1. ☐ Increase Costs ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory 2. ☐ Decrease Costs ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory 3. ☐ Increase Revenue ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory 4. ☐ Decrease Revenue ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected ☐ Towns ☐ Counties ☐ School Districts ☐ Village ☐ Others ☐ WTCS Districts ☐ Cities Fund Sources Affected ☒ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEGS Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations 20.115(7)(a) and 20.115(7)(ac)		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to administer a program that provides reimbursements to corn farmers who purchase seed coating that is applied to corn seed to discourage sandhill cranes from consuming the seed.

Corn farmers who are eligible must have at least \$6,000 in gross farm revenues in the taxable year preceding the year in which the application for reimbursement is made. Seed coating is defined as nonlethal treatment applied to corn to discourage sandhill cranes from consuming the seed. Reimbursement cannot cover more than 50 percent of the actual cost and may not exceed \$6,250 per applicant, per planting season. Applications are allowed between March 1 and June 15 of each year for purchases no earlier than November 1 of the previous year.

DATCP shall prioritize reimbursements to applicants that received a federal depredation permit for sandhill crane in the previous year, applicants that received reimbursement under this section in any of the prior three years or that can provide documentation of purchase of seed coating in the three prior years, and applicants planting corn on land vulnerable to sandhill crane depredation as determined by DATCP, the Department of Natural Resources, and applicable conservation organizations. After prioritizing reimbursement payments, remaining funds can be paid to eligible applicants that have experienced or are likely to experience seed or crop damage from sandhill cranes. Payments must be made by September 15 of the year in which applications are made. A farm is only eligible for one payment per year.

DATCP must report to appropriate standing committees of the Legislature by December 31 of each year the number or reimbursements requested, total dollar requested, number of reimbursements made, and total dollar amount reimbursed.

DATCP may promulgate rules to establish prioritization of payments, identify applicable conservation organizations, and to determine applicants who have experienced or are likely to experience seed or crop damage. DATCP is allowed to promulgate emergency rules that would be in effect until the earlier of permanent rules taking effect, the emergency rules being repealed, or the first day of the 25th month after the emergency rule goes into effect.

The bill creates a continuing GPR appropriation with \$1,875,000 annually to make payments. The bill also increases DATCP's agricultural resource management general program operations appropriation by \$85,000 GPR annually in order to fund 1.0 GPR FTE to administer the program. This position would be a grants specialist and would coordinate with others in DATCP to set up the program, receive reimbursement requests, process requests, and issue reimbursements among other duties. The position would need to compile reports and potentially provide trainings and compose guidance documents. This is a new program and additional educational efforts will be needed to potential applicants. An additional \$5,000 annually is included to fund these efforts.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The funding included in the bill would be ongoing. These funds would be adequate to administer the program in the short-term. Any long-term increases in expenses would be addressed in the future.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2025 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):	
II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:
	Increased Costs Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category	
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$79,600
(FTE Position Changes)	(1.0 FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs	5,000
Local Assistance	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	1,875,000
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$1,959,600
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	
GPR	1,959,600
FED	
PRO/PRS	
SEG/SEG-S	
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	
	Increased Rev Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$
GPR Earned	
FED	
PRO/PRS	
SEG/SEG-S	
TOTAL State Revenues	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT	
	<u>State</u> <u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$1,959,600
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$
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