## Fiscal Estimate - 2025 Session

☑ Original ☐ Updated	☐ Corrected ☐ Supplem	ental			
LRB Number <b>25-0557/1</b>	Introduction Number AB-028	8			
Description labeling plants as beneficial to pollinators					
Fiscal Effect					
Appropriations Rever	ease Existing absorb within agency's b৷				
Local:  No Local Government Costs  Indeterminate  1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory  2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory Districts  5. Types of Local Government Units Affected Towns Village Counties Others Districts					
Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropria	tions			
☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEGS 20.115(7)(qc)					
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives DATCP 7/1/2025

LRB Number <b>25-0557/1</b>	Introduction Number	AB-0288	Estimate Type	Original		
Description						
labeling plants as beneficial to pollinators						

## Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill prohibits a person who sells plants at retail or provides plants to a user from labeling or advertising the plant as being beneficial to pollinators if the plant has been treated with and contains a certain concentration of insecticides that contain warnings about pollinator hazards on their labels. The bill would require the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) nursery inspection staff to respond to complaints of potential violations of the statute. Since this would be complaint-driven, it is uncertain whether DATCP would receive any, or numerous complaints each year.

In response to receiving a complaint, a Plant Pest and Disease Specialist Senior would perform an investigation into the allegations to document whether a violation of the statute occurred. It is assumed an investigation would include interviewing the complainant, visiting the site where the plant material was purchased, identifying the lot of plants in question, purchasing plants to provide sufficient floral material for testing, performing laboratory analysis for pesticides of concern, and preparation of a narrative documenting the findings of the investigation.

Fiscal assumptions for each complaint:

- 1) Salary @\$32.02 X 10 Hours = \$320.20
- 2) Fringe @43.27% = \$138.55
- 3) Purchase Plants for Testing (5-10 plants) @\$100
- 4) Laboratory Analysis @\$800
- 5) Supplies and Services (vehicle, mileage, cellphone, computer, etc.) @\$100

## Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Additional resources may be needed in the future if complaints and the related costs exceed DATCP's ability to absorb.