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AMENDMENT MEMO

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2019 Senate Bill 35 authorizes the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to provide grants to an organization with a purpose of addressing human health and safety associated with rural and agricultural work, life, and environments.

An organization receiving such a grant must expend not less than 70 percent of the grant to partially reimburse the costs of purchasing and installing a structure on a farm tractor that protects the operator of the tractor from injuries caused by a rollover. The bill specifies the amount that an organization must pay for each reimbursement and requires an organization receiving a grant to submit an annual report to DATCP describing the expenditure of the grant funds.

The bill provides an annual appropriation of \$250,000 in each of fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 decreases the annual appropriation by \$100,000 in each of the two fiscal years; specifies that DATCP may issue the grants during fiscal years 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22; and sunsets the program on June 30, 2022.

BILL HISTORY

2019 Senate Bill 35 was introduced by Senator Testin on February 15, 2019, and referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Revenue, and Financial Institutions. On May 1, 2019, the committee recommended passage of the bill by a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

Senate Amendment 1 was introduced by Senator Testin on November 12, 2019. On January 16, 2020, the Joint Committee on Finance recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1, and passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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