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Agricultural Chemical Cleanup Program Fund Reestimate (Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection)

CURRENT LAW

The segregated agricultural chemical cleanup fund receives deposits of fee surcharges on licenses, sales, or product registrations for pesticides and fertilizers. The fund supports agricultural chemical cleanup program (ACCP) reimbursements for spills or discharges at commercial fertilizer blending facilities, commercial pesticide application businesses and farm sites. Under current law, the maximum total reimbursement is 75% of up to \$400,000 in eligible cleanup expenses per site, less deductibles. ACCP reimbursements were budgeted at \$1.5 million each year in the 2013-15 and 2015-17 biennia, down from \$2.2 million annually in the 2011-13 biennium.

GOVERNOR

Maintain base funding of \$1,500,000 annually for ACCP reimbursements. Other bill provisions would make various changes to the ACCP, such as increasing the maximum total reimbursement and expanding eligibility to newer sites. For complete discussion of changes to the program, see LFB Paper #140 entitled "Agricultural Chemicals – Licenses and Surcharges."

MODIFICATION

Reestimate the appropriation for agricultural chemical reimbursement to \$900,000 annually during the 2017-19 biennium.

Explanation: Reimbursements have declined in recent years as the historical inventory of cleanup sites is remediated. This reestimate will realign budgeted reimbursements with anticipated expenditures.

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