

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5212-01  
Bill No.: HB 1841  
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Economic Development Department  
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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	(\$5,100)	(\$5,253)	(\$5,411)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(\$5,100)</b>	<b>(\$5,253)</b>	<b>(\$5,411)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture** and the **Office of the Governor** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development (DED)** state the bill creates the Governor's Advisory Council on Agriculture Science Technology within DED. The Council is to provide advice to the Governor. DED is unsure of where the Council would be assigned within the department. There are 5 Council members. DED is not one required to provide support services but DED assumes this will be required. Administrative support will take some DED staff time. It is unknown what, if any, additional expenses will be incurred by the Council for outside help or assistance. There would be an unknown number of meetings per year. Council members receive no compensation but are to be paid for expenses. Travel costs, meeting costs, etc. will likely be incurred.

DED anticipates \$250 per meeting for general expenses plus \$70 for hotel, \$90 for mileage based on .375 per mile and 240 mile round trip average, plus \$45 per day for meals or \$1,275 per meeting with a minimum of 5 board members. Four meetings per year would cost would be \$5,100. DED assumes an unknown for staff support or new staff needs, staff travel/other expenses, and related administrative costs.

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ASSUMPTION (continued)

**Oversight** assumes DED will incur the meeting expense, but if additional duties result from the new advisory council, DED can request the funding through the appropriations process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Costs - DED</u>			
Meeting expense	<u>(\$5,100)</u>	<u>(\$5,253)</u>	<u>(\$5,411)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$5,100)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$5,253)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$5,411)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal establishes the Governor's Advisory Council on Agricultural Science and Technology consisting of five members appointed by the Governor. The council will be required to:

- (1) Apprise the Governor of new developments in science and technology;
- (2) Identify the state's long-term needs regarding science and technology;

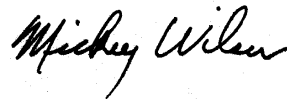
DESCRIPTION (continued)

- (3) Provide scientific inquiry into regulatory matters upon request by the Governor; and
- (4) Identify potential economic opportunities for the state in the plant biotechnology industry.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development  
Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Governor



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