



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2021 Biennium

Bill # HB0443

Title: Revise requirements for hobbyist apiaries

Primary Sponsor: Fitzgerald, Ross H

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

Expenditures:

General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$76,435	\$73,414	\$73,414	\$73,414

Revenue:

General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$86,340	\$86,340	\$86,340	\$86,340

Net Impact-General Fund Balance:
 \$0
 \$0
 \$0
 \$0

Description of fiscal impact: HB 443 revises requirements for hobbyist apiaries. This will increase administrative costs by the Department of Agriculture. There is also an anticipated increase in revenue via fee increase. Statute allows the department to charge for costs associated with the program.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Agriculture

1. Currently the department, on average, reregisters 5,732 commercial apiary sites. HB 443 will add the requirement of hobbyist beekeepers to register with the Department of Agriculture. The anticipated new hobbyist registrations are 1,000.
2. The department provides services to apiary keepers to include education, inspections, laboratory analysis, disease control, compliance and enforcement of registered apiaries.
3. MCA 80-6-102 and 80-6-106 permit the department, by rule, to adjust fees to maintain adequate funding for the apiary program. The department can charge up to \$100.00 per newly registered site and no more than \$50.00 for reregistration of apiary sites.
4. The department anticipates an increase in reregistration fees from \$19.00 to \$29.00 (an additional \$10.00) and charging new hobbyists \$29.00 for the initial registration. The increase in fees will, as 80-6-102 permits, maintain adequate funding for HB 443.

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	Registration Fee	Commercial	Hobbyist	\$ Commercial	\$ Hobbyist	Total Revenue
Current	\$19.00	5732	0	\$108,908.00	\$0.00	\$108,908.00
New Registrations HB 443	\$29.00	5732	1000	\$166,228.00	\$29,000.00	\$195,228.00
				Increase in Revenue		\$86,320.00

5. The department will work with both the commercial and hobbyist beekeepers to adjust the registration fee and reregistration fee structure in order to maintain adequate funding to cover the costs of the program.

	<u>FY 2020</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2021</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$70,635	\$70,414	\$70,414	\$70,414
Operating Expenses	\$5,800	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
TOTAL Expenditures	\$76,435	\$73,414	\$73,414	\$73,414
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$76,435	\$73,414	\$73,414	\$73,414
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$76,435	\$73,414	\$73,414	\$73,414
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$86,320	\$86,320	\$86,320	\$86,320
TOTAL Revenues	\$86,320	\$86,320	\$86,320	\$86,320
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$9,885	\$12,906	\$12,906	\$12,906

Sponsor's Initials

Date

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Budget Director's Initials

2/16/19

Date