



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2021 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	HB0443	<b>Title:</b>	Revise requirements for hobbyist apiaries
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Fitzgerald, Ross H	<b>Status:</b>	As Amended in House Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts           | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2020 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2021 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2022 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$76,435	\$73,414	\$73,414	\$73,414
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$76,320	\$76,320	\$76,320	\$76,320
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**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**


- 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.
- The department provides services to apiary keepers to include education, inspections, laboratory analysis, disease control, compliance and enforcement of registered apiaries.
- Sections 80-6-102 and 80-6-106, MCA, 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. As amended, HB 443 states the department may not charge more than \$19.00 for new and/or reregistration for hobbyist apiaries through FY 2021. The amended bill does not change the current fee for commercial apiaries. After FY 2021, the department, by rule, may adjust fees to maintain adequate funding.
5. Currently, a new apiary registration fee is \$19.00 per site for commercial apiaries. The department anticipates 1,000 new hobbyist apiary sites. This current fee structure will increase revenue by \$19,000 ( $1000 \times \$19.00 = \$19,000$ ). The current fee structure of \$19.00 will not be enough to maintain adequate funding for the additional 1,000 anticipated hobbyist apiary services that will be required of the department.
6. The department may increase reregistration fees for commercial apiary sites from \$19.00 to \$29.00 and, as amended, HB 443 states the department may charge new hobbyist \$19.00 for the initial registration fee and a reregistration fee of \$19.00 through FY 2021. The increase in fees will, as 80-6-102 permits, maintain adequate funding. This increase of revenue is reflected in the fiscal note.


	Registration Fee	Commercial	Hobbyist	\$Commercial	\$Hobbyist	Total Revenue
Current Registrations	\$19.00	5732	0	\$108,908.00	\$0.00	\$108,908.00
New Hobbyist Registrations HB 443	\$19.00	0	1000	\$0.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
Increase in Current Registrations	\$29.00	5732	0	\$166,228.00	\$0.00	\$166,228.00
				Yearly Increase in Revenue		\$76,320.00

7. 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>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
FTE	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Personal Services	\$70,635	\$70,414	\$70,414	\$70,414
Operating Expenses	\$5,800	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$76,435</u>	<u>\$73,414</u>	<u>\$73,414</u>	<u>\$73,414</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$76,435	\$73,414	\$73,414	\$73,414
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$76,435</u>	<u>\$73,414</u>	<u>\$73,414</u>	<u>\$73,414</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$76,320	\$76,320	\$76,320	\$76,320
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<u>\$76,320</u>	<u>\$76,320</u>	<u>\$76,320</u>	<u>\$76,320</u>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$115)	\$2,906	\$2,906	\$2,906


  
Sponsor's Initials

  
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