



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # HB0235

Title: Create nutrition incentive program for SNAP participants

Primary Sponsor: Welch, Tom

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

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2022 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$100,000)</u>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 235 Section 22 appropriates \$200,000 from the general fund to the Department of Agriculture to create a "Nutrition Incentives Program". The fiscal impact to the Department of Agriculture is minimal.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- The Department of Agriculture administers several grant programs within the Agriculture Marketing Development Bureau, including: Growth Through Agriculture, Food and Ag Development Centers, Montana Agriculture Student Loan Assistance Program, GTA mini-grants, and the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Therefore, the technical expertise required to manage another grant program currently exists.
- The Agriculture Marketing Development Bureau capacity/workload with the addition of the "Nutrition Incentive Program" requires, as Section 4 reads, to adopt rules necessary for the administration of the program. To establish rules and to administer the grant awards, the department estimates staff costs at \$3,132 in FY 2022 and \$783 in subsequent years. Because this work will be conducted by existing employees already funded, this cost is not shown in the financial table.
- The Department of Agriculture is assuming the award is intended to be a single award to one entity per fiscal year.

Fiscal Note Request – As Introduced

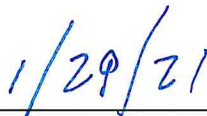
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4. Section 22 appropriates \$200,000 of general fund for the biennium to the Department of Agriculture for the program. Section 5 requires the department to grant this amount on an annual basis.
5. The Community Food and Agriculture Coalition already has a “Double Snap Dollars” program, therefore the Department of Agriculture would communicate with the coalition to ensure the two entities aren’t duplicating efforts.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



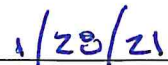
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