LB 243

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised based upon amendments adopted.

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)

	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	3,000 to 4,000		1,750 to 2,750	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	3,000 to 4,000		1,750 to 2,750	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 243 would establish the Healthy Soils Task Force, to be administratively house in the Department of Agriculture. The 15-member task force would be directed to develop a comprehensive healthy soils initiative and development an action plan to coordinate efforts to carry out the initiative. The action plan, report and findings would be submitted to the Governor and Legislature on or before January 1, 2021. The task force would also terminate at that time.

Amendments adopted to LB 243 provide that the costs of the task force will be paid from the Fertilizers and Soil Conditioners Administrative Fund in the Department of Agriculture. The use of the fund for the purposes of funding the task force would be capped at $10,000. There is no basis to disagree with the Department of Agriculture that there may be incidental expenses of $2,500 in FY19-20 and $1,500 in FY20-21 to provide administrative staffing and general support services to the task force. It is estimated that there may also be expense reimbursement costs for members of the task force. Section 81-1178 provides that any member of a state commission, council, committee or board which has been created by statute is eligible for expense reimbursement. Actual costs would depend upon the number of meetings held annually and the distance traveled by task force members. It is estimated that expenses could range from $500 to $1,500 annually.