

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *</b>				
	<b>FY 2009-10</b>		<b>FY 2010-11</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
CASH FUNDS	See below	0	See below	0
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below	0	See below	0

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 7 would amend the distribution of pesticide registration fees.

Current law establishes the following distribution of pesticide registration fees:

- Specialty pesticide fees: \$30 to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund, \$60 to the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund, and the remainder of the fee, if any, to the Pesticide Administrative Cash Fund.
- Non-specialty pesticide fees: \$30 to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund, \$60 to the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund, and the remainder of the fee, if any, to the Natural Resources Water Quality Fund.

LB 7 would establish the following distributions:

- Specialty pesticide fees: \$35 to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund, \$55 to the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund, and the remainder of the fee, if any, to the Pesticide Administrative Cash Fund.
- Non-specialty pesticide fees: \$35 to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund, \$55 to the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund, and the remainder of the fee, if any, to the Natural Resources Water Quality Fund.

There would be no net cash fund impact to the Department of Agriculture as a result of the redistribution, but revenue to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund would increase by approximately \$55,000 and there would be a corresponding decrease in cash fund revenue to the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund. The shift in revenue would result in increased cash funding for noxious weed program operations and a decreased level of funding for grants from the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund. In prior fiscal years the noxious weed program budget included \$20,000 General Funds; the Department of Agriculture has transitioned the program to be entirely cash-funded and has reallocated the General Funds to other agency activities.

Because LB 7 has the emergency clause, the revised distributions would apply to fee revenue received in FY09-10.

Note: The Governor's special session budget recommendation included fund transfers impact the Noxious Weed Cash Fund and the Buffer Strip Incentive Cash Fund. The recommended transfers are shown below.

	<u>FY09-10</u>	<u>FY10-11</u>
Noxious Weed Cash Fund	\$ 2,021	\$ 4,042
Buffer Strip Incentive Cash Fund	\$150,000	\$48,002