

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5008-02
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed SCS for SB 1008
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Boards, Commissions, Committees and Councils;
 Science and Technology
Type: Original
Date: May 22, 2006

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	(\$6,740)	(\$6,942)	(\$7,150)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$6,740)	(\$6,942)	(\$7,150)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture** and the **Office of the Governor** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development (DED)** state the bill creates the Governor's Advisory Council on Agriculture Science Technology within DED. The Council is to provide advice to the Governor. DED is unsure of where the Council would be assigned within the department. There are 7 Council members. DED is not specified in the bill to provide support services, but assumes this will be required of their agency. Administrative support will take some DED staff time. It is unknown what, if any, additional expenses will be incurred by the Council for outside help or assistance. There would be an unknown number of meetings per year. Council members receive no compensation but are to be paid for expenses. Travel costs, meeting costs, etc. will likely be incurred.

DED anticipates \$250 per meeting for general expenses plus \$70 for hotel, \$90 for mileage based on .375 per mile and 240 mile round trip average, plus \$45 per day for meals or \$1,685 per meeting with a minimum of 7 Council members. Four meetings per year would cost would be \$6,740. DED assumes an unknown for staff support or new staff needs, staff travel/other expenses, and related administrative costs.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight assumes DED will incur the meeting expense, but if additional duties result from the new advisory council, DED can request the funding through the appropriations process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Costs - DED</u>			
Meeting expense	<u>(\$6,740)</u>	<u>(\$6,942)</u>	<u>(\$7,150)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$6,740)</u>	<u>(\$6,942)</u>	<u>(\$7,150)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

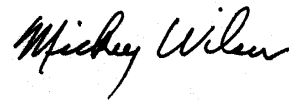
The proposal creates the Governor's Advisory Council on Agricultural Science and Technology. The council shall be responsible for identifying and appraising the Governor on new areas of agricultural science and technology as well as providing comment on regulatory matters, long-term needs for the agricultural science and technology sector, future opportunities for the plant biotechnology industry within the state, and apprising the Governor of new developments in forestry technologies.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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