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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 664** HLS 13RS 1016

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Sweet potato industry	

AGRICULTURE/SWEET POTATO

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Provides relative to the sweet potato industry

Proposed law creates the sweet potato dealer's permit and requires all persons, including sweet potato growers and farmers, commercially growing, selling or offering for sale sweet potatoes shall not grow, move, grade, pack, or repack for sale, or process in any manner sweet potatoes without a valid sweet potato dealer's permit. Applicants for a permit shall complete and file the application required by the department. Does not apply to retail grocers and other retail outlets selling sweet potatoes possessing a valid inspection certificate permit or permit tag, and that are sold directly to the consumer from a permanent location. A sweet potato dealer's permit may be suspended, revoked, or placed on probation if the holder thereof fails to comply with provisions. The department may refuse to renew a permit to any person or business applying for a permit if the person or business owes unpaid sweet potato fees, taxes, or civil penalties. The commissioner may adopt rules and regulations necessary to enforce the provisions of proposed law. Changes the disbursement of a four-cent per bushel tax on sweet potatoes collected by the commissioner from one cent to a range of one cent to two cents.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation codifies existing rules and reorganizes related statutes.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation codifies existing rules and reorganizes related statutes. There is no fee for the sweet potato dealer's permit and no change to the existing fee assessments of 6-cents per bushel of potatoes moved or shipped, or 10-cents per 1,000 vines, plants or slips. The cap on civil penalties remains at \$5,000 per act of violation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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