



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**

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CONSUMERS/FOOD-BEVERAGES OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides with respect to consumer protection regarding the pricing of groceries

Proposed law creates the Make Affordable Groceries Again Act; prohibits a covered supplier from (1) directly or through an agent, failing to extend the same terms of sale of a covered good to all covered retailers and covered wholesalers that purchase the covered good on the same volume unit basis in reasonably contemporaneous sales, (2) failing to provide, within 14 days of a written request from a covered retailer or covered wholesaler that has purchased a covered good or received an offer including terms of sale for a covered good from the covered supplier, directly or through an agent, the anonymized terms of sale from all contracts with dominant covered retailers that purchased the same covered good on the same volume unit basis during the 180 day period prior to the date on which the purchase or offer including terms of sale was made, or (3) directly or through an agent, refuse the sale of a covered good to a covered retailer or a covered wholesaler subject to certain conditions; provides that a dominant covered retailer, or is purchasing agent or third party through which a dominant covered retailer contracts to purchase covered goods, shall not directly or indirectly take any action that he, his purchasing agent, or third party intends, knows, or should know will coerce or induce a covered supplier to violate the proposed law; provides that a covered supplier or dominant covered retailer is liable for a violation of the proposed law by a contracted third party; provides for defenses to liability; provides for specific provisions for immunity provided to covered suppliers; provides that the AG or a covered retailer, wholesaler, or supplier injured by a violation of the proposed law may file suit for injunction to cure the violation or a civil penalty or damages, or both.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Annual Total

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an increase in SGF expenditures for the Department of Justice/Office of the Attorney General by \$252,493 in FY 27 for securing additional staff for claims investigation and enforcement of violations of the proposed law. Proposed law allows the Attorney General to seek a civil action for an injunction, a civil penalty, or damages against a party in violation. To implement the proposed law, the Department of Justice provides that they will require two (2) additional T.O. positions, an Assistant Attorney General with an initial salary of \$85,000, and an Administrative Assistant with an initial salary of \$60,000. These salaries will increase annually by 4% in the out years for market rate adjustments. Additionally, the department will require operating expenses consisting of travel, supplies, equipment, and office furniture to accommodate the new positions. See below for a breakdown of the required expenditures.

Expenditure Category	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31
Salaries:	\$145,000	\$150,800	\$156,832	\$163,105	\$169,629
Related Benefits:	\$70,243	\$72,252	\$74,342	\$76,516	\$78,777
Total Personal Services:	\$215,243	\$223,052	\$231,174	\$239,621	\$248,406
Operating Expenses:	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$25,500
Equipment:	\$11,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total SGF Expenditures:	\$252,493	\$248,552	\$256,674	\$265,121	\$273,906

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) cannot independently corroborate the need for an additional two T.O. positions within the Office of the Attorney General for claims investigation and enforcement of violations of the proposed law. To the extent implementation may be achieved through existing staff, realized costs may be less than reported. To the extent that the increase in workload differs from what is anticipated by the Attorney General, and existing staff are able to manage the increase, estimated expenditures may be lower than those provided in this fiscal note.

District Courts. Proposed law may result in an indeterminable impact on workload in the district courts, to the extent that they experience an increase in filings for civil actions by the Attorney General and injured covered retailers, wholesalers, or suppliers who pursue injunctions, civil penalties, or damages against those who violate the proposed law. The exact fiscal impact relative to the increase in workload is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of instances in which civil actions would be filed (and the related hearings conducted) for these matters.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Self-Generated Revenue in the Office of the Attorney General, to the extent that the Attorney General secures civil penalties or damages for violation of the proposed law. The exact fiscal impact to the Office of the Attorney General is indeterminable, because it is unknown the amount of civil penalties or damages that will be imposed on parties held liable for violation of the proposed law, and it is unknown the number of instances in which the Attorney General will be able to secure civil penalties or damages.

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