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Fiscal Note

2021-2022 Legislative Session

HF178 - 0 - Farm Advocate Services; COVID-19

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 Agency: **Agriculture Dept**

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

This bill, relating to agriculture, amends the Laws of 2020, Chapter 101, Section 5, Subdivisions 2 and 7 by requiring a report and extending the appropriation availability through December 31, 2021.

Assumptions

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is not be able to provide the requested report data because the Farm Advocates are professional technical contractors, not state employees. For this reason, we are not able to provide a report containing methods used to recruit applicants or number of people who applied for, interviewed and were hired for the position.

Passage of this bill extends the availability of the coronavirus relief fund appropriation through December 31, 2021. MDA would need to advertise, review, award and contract with a new Farm Advocate contractor which typically takes three to four months. The contract would end along with the federal funds on December 31, 2021.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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