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Title: CREATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Sponsor: LABOR & COMMERCE
Requester: (H)RES

Department: Agriculture
Appropriation: Agriculture
Allocation: Agricultural Development
OMB Component Number: 3584

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2026 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2026 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Personal Services	(2,297.0)	(2,297.0)					
Travel	(193.4)	(193.4)					
Services	(676.7)	(676.7)					
Commodities	(199.2)	(199.2)					
Capital Outlay	(7.0)	(7.0)					
Grants & Benefits	(100.0)	(100.0)					
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	(3,473.3)	(3,473.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	(1,009.6)	(1,009.6)					
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	(1,033.8)	(1,033.8)					
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	(595.0)	(595.0)					
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	(20.0)	(20.0)					
Total	(2,658.4)	(2,658.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time	(17.0)	(17.0)					
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation would create a new state department. The existing Division of Agriculture would be repositioned from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to become the new Department of Agriculture. The statutory responsibilities and authorities of the Division of Agriculture would not change; the bill makes changes to reflect the repositioning.

The commissioner of DNR will need to consult with the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture versus the Board of Agriculture and Conservation on the disposal or sale of land for agricultural purposes.

This legislation also renames the Natural Resource Conservation and Development Board to the Soil and Water Conservation and Development Board. The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture serves as ex officio to the board and appoints the executive director of the board. The board's responsibilities and current composition do not change.

As the Division of Agriculture's budget would transfer from DNR to the new department, DNR's budget would be reduced by that amount. This note reflects the changes to the Agricultural Development allocation within the Division of Agriculture.

(The transition of funds associated with the Plant Materials Center to the new Department of Agriculture are reflected in a separate fiscal note.)

Additional fund sources to that shown on page one are as follows:

Additional Operating Funds Sources					
RDU	Fund			FY2026 Governor Scenario	
	Agricultural Development				
	Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund 1021			\$	321.80
	Capital Improvement Projects 1061			\$	6.70
	Statutory Designated Program Receipts 1108			\$	26.90
	State Land 1153			\$	459.50
				\$	814.90
					Total