

SB

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Alaska State Legislature

SENATE DISTRICT 1

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

SENATE BILL 76

"An Act relating to results-based government and the state budget"

SB 76 will enact results based government, to better serve Alaskans. SB 76 revises the Executive Budget Act to require the Legislative and Executive Branches to more clearly focus on results for Alaskans through policies established by the legislature and executed by the governor.

Specifically, the legislature will establish policy by issuing mission statements and desired results for each state agency to achieve. To accomplish this, the legislature will identify desired results, set priorities for each agency, assign accountability, and require methods for measuring, reporting and evaluating results. These results will be reported quarterly to the legislature for continuity and effective oversight.

The governor, through the Office of Management and Budget, executes, coordinates and manages each agency's efforts to achieve the legislature's mission and desired results. The governor shall also through discussion with the public, its employees and management teams make recommendations for future mission statements and desired results for consideration by the legislature.

If passed, SB 76 will enable government to be more responsive to the needs and priorities of Alaskans. I respectfully request your support for SB 76 which will begin "Results Based Government" in Alaska.

ARTICLE VI

NATURAL RESOURCES

Section 1. The several sums of money herein specified, or so much thereby as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or out of special funds as indicated, for the support, maintenance, or improvement of the designated natural resources agencies.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 1998	August 31, 1999
A. Goal: MARKETS & PUBLIC HEALTH		
To enable Texas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses to expand profitable markets for their agricultural products while protecting public health and our state's natural resources.		
Outcomes:		
Percent Increase from the 1996 Level in the Number of Marketing Opportunities for Texas Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses	15%	22%
Percent Reduction from the 1994 Level in the Number of Pesticide-Related Violations	7%	7%
A.1.1. Strategy: GENERATE MARKETS	\$ 6,775,971	\$ 6,775,971
Generate marketing opportunities for Texas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses.		
Outputs:		
Number of Companies Enrolled in TDA Marketing Programs	1,310	1,310
Number of Acres Inspected	190,000	190,000
A.1.2. Strategy: REGULATE PESTICIDE USE	\$ 4,956,604	\$ 4,956,604
Regulate pesticide use through registration, certification, education and enforcement.		
Outputs:		
Number of Licenses and Certificates Issued to Pesticide Applicators	14,350	14,350
Number of Pesticide Complaint Investigations Conducted	250	250
Efficiencies:		
Average Cost per Pesticide Applicator Licensed	41.1	38.8
A.1.3. Strategy: INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	\$ 2,012,281	\$ 2,012,281
Assist farmers with integrated pest management practices to reduce pesticide use.		
Outputs:		
Hours Spent Informing Producers and Surveying Cotton for Compliance with Cotton Stalk Destruction Deadlines	14,000	14,000
Number of Inspections to Verify Compliance for Organic or Other Crop Production Certification Programs	839	864
A.1.4. Strategy: CERTIFY PRODUCE	\$ 289,467	\$ 289,467
Certify fruits, vegetables and peanuts to enhance their marketability.		

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Outputs:		
Number of Pounds of Fruits, Vegetables, Peanuts and Nuts Inspected (in billions)	2.3	2.3
Total, Goal A: MARKETS & PUBLIC HEALTH	\$ <u>14,034,323</u>	\$ <u>14,034,323</u>
B. Goal: ENFORCE STANDARDS		
To protect consumers by establishing and enforcing standards for agricultural commodities		
Outcomes:		
Percent of Seed Samples Found to be in Full Compliance With State and Federal Standards	97%	98%
B.1.1. Strategy: NURSERY/FLOREAL REGULATION	\$ 1,971,466	\$ 1,971,466
Inspect and register nursery and floral production and retail outlets.		
Outputs:		
Number of Nursery and Floral Establishment Inspections Conducted	10,000	10,000
Number of Stop Sales and Notices of Noncompliance Issued	350	350
B.1.2. Strategy: VERIFY SEED QUALITY	\$ 1,751,216	\$ 1,751,216
Verify that farmers, ranchers and home gardeners receive the quality and type of seeds desired.		
Outputs:		
Number of Seed Samples Analyzed	23,000	23,000
Number of Enforcement Actions Taken	150	125
B.1.3. Strategy: VERIFY EGG QUALITY	\$ 426,177	\$ 426,175
Inspect chicken egg producer, dealer-wholesaler and retail establishments to verify and enforce compliance with state and federal standards for quality. License egg packers, wholesalers, and distributors.		
Outputs:		
Number of Egg Producer, Dealer, Wholesaler, and Retailer Samples Taken or Inspections Conducted	15,000	15,000
B.1.4. Strategy: COMMODITY WAREHOUSES	\$ 657,519	\$ 657,519
Verify that commodity warehouses are capable of properly storing and handling commodities. Assist producers and sellers of Texas grown citrus and vegetables recover monies owed to them.		
Outputs:		
Number of Agricultural Commodity Warehouse Inspections, Re-Inspections and Audits Conducted	700	700
Number of Licenses, Permits and Registrations Issued to Agricultural Commodity Warehouses	500	500
Efficiencies:		
Average Cost per Inspection/Reinspection of Agricultural Commodity Warehouses	426	426
Total, Goal B: ENFORCE STANDARDS	\$ <u>4,806,378</u>	\$ <u>4,816,376</u>
C. Goal: ENSURE PROPER MEASUREMENT		
To increase the likelihood that goods offered for sale to Texas consumers are properly measured, priced and marketed.		

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Outcomes:		
Percent of Total Weights and Measures Inspections Conducted Resulting in Finding of Full Compliance with State and Federal Standards	98%	98%
C.1.1. Strategy: INSPECT MEASURING DEVICES	\$ 2,652,485	\$ 2,652,485
Inspect weighing and measuring devices and remove inaccurately measured, priced or marketed goods from sale.		
Outputs:		
Number of Weights and Measures Inspections Conducted	105,500	105,500
Number of Stop Sales and Notices of Noncompliance Issued	7,700	7,400
Grand Total, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	\$ <u>21,493,186</u>	\$ <u>21,493,184</u>
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 19,853,548	\$ 19,853,546
Earned Federal Funds	184,147	184,147
General Revenue - Dedicated		
Young Farmer Loan Guarantee Account No. 5002	100,000	100,000
Federal Funds	818,094	818,094
Other Funds		
Farm and Ranch Finance Program Fund Account No. 575	112,221	112,221
Appropriated Receipts	174,399	174,399
Texas Agricultural Fund No. 683	240,777	240,777
Interagency Contracts	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ <u>537,397</u>	\$ <u>537,397</u>
Total, Method of Financing	\$ <u>21,493,186</u>	\$ <u>21,493,184</u>
Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	502.5	502.5
Schedule of Exempt Positions		
Commissioner of Agriculture, Group 4	\$92,217	\$92,217
Deputy Commissioner	78,007	78,007
1. Capital Budget. Funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items as listed below. The amounts identified for each item may be adjusted or expended on other capital expenditures, subject to the aggregate dollar restrictions on capital budget expenditures provided in the General Provisions of this Act.		
	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Out of the General Revenue Fund:		
a Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Computer Equipment/Software	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000

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b. Transportation Items		
(1) Fleet Vehicles	\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 300,000	\$ 400,000

2. **Appropriation of Receipts: Yardage Fees.** Fifty percent of the total amount of yardage fee revenue collected by the Texas Department of Agriculture in each fiscal year pursuant to the Agriculture Code, Sec. 146.021, is hereby appropriated to the department for the biennium beginning September 1, 1997, for the purpose of paying livestock export facility lease and maintenance expenses. The remaining fifty percent of the total yardage fee revenue collected in each fiscal year shall be transferred to the unobligated portion of the General Revenue Fund and is not subject to appropriation by this provision or by Article IX of this Act. Amounts appropriated pursuant to this provision are included above in Strategy Item A.1.1., General Markets, and are identified above in the method of finance as Appropriated Receipts in an estimated amount of \$97,552 for each fiscal year.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 1997 in the appropriation made by rider provision 2, House Bill 1, Seventy-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, on page VI-4, are hereby reappropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 1997 for the identical purposes.

3. **Appropriation: Land Donations.** The Department of Agriculture is hereby authorized to lease, and/or accept the donation of land or the use of land from either governmental agencies, private firms, corporations, or individuals to be used in connection with the performance of its various responsibilities and programs.
4. **Appropriation: Publication Fees.** The department is hereby appropriated any subscription fees, royalties, advertising revenues, or charges collected for publications, services or products produced by the department, subject to any restrictions on publications fee appropriations contained elsewhere in this Act.
5. **Fee Increase Authority and Limitation.** For the purpose of implementing the intent of the Legislature, that the department collect fee amounts which offset, when feasible, the direct and indirect costs of administering its regulatory activities, the department is hereby authorized to and shall increase the fees by a percentage sufficient to offset costs associated with its regulatory activities. It is the intent of the Legislature that the cost offset percentage shall be 100 percent. The following activities are exempt from this requirement: Seed Testing, Quarantine Enforcement/Education; Piece Rate Crop Survey; Pest Management Program; Agriculture Hazard Communication Act; Boll Weevil Control Act; Predatory Management Program.
6. **Pay for Regular Compensatory Time: Livestock Export Pen Operations.** It is expressly provided that the Department of Agriculture, to the extent permitted by law, may pay FLSA nonexempt employees in classified positions who are stationed at Department of Agriculture livestock export pens for compensatory time hours on a straight-time basis when the taking of compensatory time off would be disruptive to normal working activities and other critical functions relating to livestock export pen operations.
7. **Transfer Authority.** Notwithstanding limitations on appropriation transfers contained in the General Provisions of this Act, the Department of Agriculture is hereby authorized to direct agency resources, and transfer such amounts appropriated above between strategy line items.
8. **Appropriation: Young Farmer Loan Guarantee Program.** Out of the Young Farmer Loan Guarantee Fund, the Texas Agriculture Finance Authority is hereby appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 1997, all necessary amounts required to cover any defaults on loans provided under Chapter 253, Texas Agriculture Code.

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9. **Appropriation: Fair Park Structure Restoration.** The Texas Department of Agriculture is hereby appropriated \$1,974,600 from the General Revenue Fund for the biennium beginning September 1, 1997 to be used solely for restoration of historically significant structures within the National Historic District at Fair Park.
10. **Appropriation: Earned Federal Funds.** The Department of Agriculture is hereby appropriated all earned federal funds received during the biennium beginning with the effective date of this Act that are in addition to those earned federal funds specified in the method of financing above.
11. **Unexpended Balances.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 1998 in the appropriations made herein to the Department of Agriculture are hereby reappropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1998.
12. **Appropriation: Texas-Israel Exchange Program.** Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 1997 in appropriations made to the Department of Agriculture, are hereby reappropriated to the department for fiscal year 1998 to fund the Texas-Israel Exchange program in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.
13. **Contingency Appropriation for Senate Bill 665.** Contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 665 or similar legislation relating to regulation of motor fuels containing ethanol or methanol by the Seventy-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, the Department of Agriculture is hereby appropriated \$412,733 for fiscal year 1998 and \$355,137 for fiscal year 1999 out of additional revenues collected pursuant to Senate Bill 665 for the purpose of implementing that Act. The department is authorized to transfer the appropriation made pursuant to this provision to the appropriate strategy items listed above.
- † 14. **Contingency Appropriation for Senate Bill 1355.** Contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 1355 or similar legislation relating to regulation of retail stores by the Seventy-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, the Department of Agriculture is hereby appropriated \$418,333 for fiscal year 1998 and \$227,561 for fiscal year 1999 out of additional revenues collected pursuant to Senate Bill 1355 for the purpose of implementing that Act. The department is authorized to transfer the appropriation made pursuant to this provision to the appropriate strategy items listed above.
15. **Contingency Appropriation Reduction for Senate Bill 1124.** Contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 1124 or similar legislation relating to the regulation of aquaculture by the Seventy-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, appropriations out of the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Agriculture in Strategy item A.1.1., General Markets, are hereby reduced \$6,500 for fiscal year 1998 and \$6,500 for fiscal year 1999.

† See Veto Proclamation.