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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Agriculture & Forestry	
<b>Subject:</b> Merges certain funds	<b>Analyst:</b> Alan M. Boxberger

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Merges certain funds within the Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Proposed law merges the Feed Fund and the Fertilizer Fund and creates the Feed and Fertilizer Fund. Expands allowable uses of the Feed and Fertilizer Fund to include the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences as determined by the commissioner. Proposed law merges the Crop Pests and Diseases Fund, the Apiary Fund, and the Horticulture Commission Fund and creates the Horticulture and Quarantine Fund. Expands allowable expenses of the fund to include the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences as determined by the commissioner.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed law merges the Feed Fund and Fertilizer Fund and creates the Feed and Fertilizer Fund. The consolidated Feed and Fertilizer Fund will retain all uses currently allowed by law and expands the allowable uses to include the expenses of the office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, as determined by the commissioner. The language allowing usage of the fund for operations does not put a cap or maximum percentage that can be utilized.

The proposed law merges the Crop Pests and Diseases Fund, the Apiary Fund, and the Horticulture Commission Fund and creates the Horticulture and Quarantine Fund. The consolidated Horticulture and Quarantine Fund will retain all uses currently allowed by law and expands the allowable uses of the fund to include the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences as determined by the commissioner. The language allowing usage of the fund for operations does not put a cap or maximum percentage that can be utilized.

The department reports consolidation of these funds will result in operational efficiencies in the area of financial management and with field staff that currently charge work hours to numerous funding sources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. The revenue sources of the five respective funds are not restructured. The proposed law merely consolidates five statutory dedications into two.

For informational purposes, the five existing statutory dedications had the following fund balances at the end of FY 10 according to the state treasurer:

Feed Fund: \$0  
Fertilizer Fund: \$0  
Crop Pests and Diseases Fund: \$65,095  
Apiary Fund: \$0  
Horticulture Commission Fund: \$29,790

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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S} <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)2 >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&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}	<b>Evan Brasseaux</b> <b>Staff Director</b>