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**Fiscal Note**

**2023-2024 Legislative Session**

**HF3411 - 0 - Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer Research**

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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	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Agriculture Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Agriculture Fund	-	-	.65	.65	.65
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>.65</b>	<b>.65</b>	<b>.65</b>

**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.

<b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Agriculture Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>				-		-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
Agriculture Fund	-	-	-	1,270	1,270	1,270
<b>Total</b>		-	-	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,270</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>				<b>1,270</b>		<b>2,540</b>
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
Agriculture Fund	-	-	-	1,270	1,270	1,270
<b>Total</b>		-	-	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,270</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>				<b>1,270</b>		<b>2,540</b>

**Bill Description**

Senate File 3719/House File 3411 extends by ten years the agricultural fertilizer research and education fee, the Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Council, the Minnesota agricultural fertilizer research and education program, and the agricultural fertilizer research and education account by amending Minnesota.

Statutes 2022, sections 18C.70, subdivision 5; 18C.71, subdivision 4; 18C.80, subdivision 2 and Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 18C.425, subdivision 6.

Section 1 amends the expiration date to June 30, 2034.

Sections 2,3,4 amend the expiration dates to June 30, 2035.

**Assumptions**

The Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Council (AFREC) and the associated funding provided by a forty cent per ton fee on all fertilizer sales were established to ensure that farmers and ag professionals have access to high quality soil fertility recommendations, development of decision tools, and educational programing. AFREC provides research priorities and is responsible for awarding the funding allocations. The MDA receives an annual allocation from this dedicated account which is used for a variety of fiscal and organizational services in support to AFREC.

MS 18C.80 establishes an account in the agricultural fund. Money in the account, including interest earned, is appropriated to the commissioner for grants determined by AFREC under section 18C.71. The commissioner may use up to \$80,000 each fiscal year for direct costs incurred to provide fiscal and administrative support to the council. The commissioner may also recover associated indirect costs from the account based on our approved agency rate. Estimated indirect cost rate is 15% for fiscal years 25-27.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

Revenue Calculation	FY25	FY26	FY27
ITC Interest Earnings	35	35	35
Com Fert Insp	1,189	1,189	1,189

Spec Fert Insp Fee	28	28	28
Soil - Plt Amend Insp	18	18	18
<b>Revenue Total</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,270</b>
<b>Expense Calculations</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>
Salary and Fringe*	<b>79</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>79</b>
Centralized IT Services	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Agency Indirect Costs	<b>166</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>166</b>
Aid-Grants to Higher Ed Inst	<b>925</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>925</b>
Aid-Grants to NGO	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>
Aid-Grants to Individuals	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,270</b>

\*Salary and Fringe

Based on SEMA4 FY25 payroll projections:

\$31,388 - State Prog Admin Sr @.30 FTE (\$24,213 sal/\$7,175 fringe)

\$39,240 -Soil Scientist 2 @.30 FTE (\$27,447 sal/\$11,793 fringe)

\$8,254 - Program Manager @.05 FTE (\$6,076 sal/\$2,178 fringe)

Salary increases 0% per year in FY26-27

\*\* Estimated Indirect Cost Rate of 15% per year in FY25-27

### **Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

N/A

### **Local Fiscal Impact**

N/A

### **References/Sources**

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