

# Legislative Fiscal Bureau

## Fiscal Note

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HF 2465 - Deer Damage, Growers Compensation (LSB 5363 HV)  
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### **Description**

House File 2465 creates a Forest and Fruit Tree Indemnity Fund in the State treasury that will be administered by the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. The Fund will consist of monies appropriated by the General Assembly. The Fund will be used to reimburse business owners that produce trees, fruit trees, fruit, or nuts from damaged incurred by wild animals.

### **Assumptions**

1. There were 41 damage complaints to the Department of Natural Resources in FY 2000. There will be 40 complaints in FY 2003 and 50 complaints in FY 2004.
2. The estimated average reimbursement to an owner is \$18,000.
3. The estimated cost for an investigator is \$20,000 for FY 2003 and \$25,000 for FY 2004.
4. The estimated cost for travel and related expenditures is \$5,000 for FY 2003 and \$8,000 for FY 2004.
5. Funds deposited into the Forest and Fruit Tree Indemnity Fund will be from monies appropriated by the General Assembly. The Bill does not provide an appropriation to the Fund.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The estimated fiscal impact of House File 2465, to the extent funding is available, could result in an increase in General Fund, other funds, or federal fund expenditures up to \$745,000 for FY 2003 and \$933,000 for FY 2004 and subsequent years.

### **Source**

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

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/s/ Dennis C Prouty

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

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