



SF 601 – Pesticide Applicator Fee (LSB2586SZ)
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Fiscal Note Version – As Passed by the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Description

[Senate File 601](#) creates the Pesticide Administration and Enforcement Fund under the administration of the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Currently, the fees that are collected every two years for the certification of pesticide applicators are deposited into the General Fund. The Bill redirects the fees into the new Pesticide Administration and Enforcement Fund for the enforcement of the Pesticide Act of Iowa (Iowa Code chapter [206](#)).

Background

A person who applies a restricted-use pesticide must be certified as one of the following types of applicators and must pay a biannual fee. The person must also pass an exam or attend a continuing education course. The types of applicators include:

- Commercial applicator, who is in the business of applying pesticides.
- Public applicator, who is employed to apply pesticides by the State or a local government.
- Private applicator, who applies or supervises the use of pesticides on property the applicator owns or leases.

Assumptions

- The fees collected for the certification of pesticide applicators in FY 2018 were \$460,000, with \$370,000 from commercial applicators and \$90,000 from public or private applicators.
- The DALs assumes the fees collected will remain approximately the same in FY 2020.
- The DALs will use the funds to administer and enforce the Pesticide Act of Iowa.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of [Senate File 601](#) is a reduction of fee revenue of \$460,000 to the General Fund in FY 2020 and every two years after, and an increase of \$460,000 to the Pesticide Administration and Enforcement Fund every two years.

Source

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

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