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Fiscal Note

HF 735 - Organic Products Center (LSB 1194 HH)
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Description

House File 735 creates an Iowa Foods Initiative, an Iowa Foods Initiative Fund, and an Iowa Organics Advisory Board. The Bill also specifies the membership of the Board and the duties.

Background

The Iowa Foods Initiative will be administered by the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and will promote the production, processing, and marketing of food produced in Iowa. The Initiative will also promote soil conservation and other sustainable agricultural practices to improve and protect the environment as well as ensure the majority of the income generated by Iowa producers remains in the State.

The Iowa Organics Advisory Council will develop a comprehensive strategy to carry out the Iowa Foods Initiative, review the operations of the Department and make recommendations for improvement, and encourage support of the Initiative.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship will need 2.00 additional FTE positions at a cost of \$94,000 for FY 2008 and an annual salary increase of 4.5% for each year after. The estimated annual cost to the Department for administrative support is \$2,000 per year. There is minimal fiscal impact to the Treasurer of State. The total fiscal impact of HF 735 is estimated to be \$98,000 in FY 2008, and for each year after that, there would be an increase in salary expense.

Sources

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Treasurer of State

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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