

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6036 SB	<b>Title:</b> Agriculture pests & diseases
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## Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of State Treasurer	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25		2025-27		2027-29	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.					
Local Gov. Total						

## Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of State Treasurer	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Office of Financial Management	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Health	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Ecology	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Agriculture	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
<b>Total \$</b>	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

## Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Office of State Treasurer	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of Financial Management	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Health	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Ecology	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Agriculture	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

## Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6036 SB	<b>Title:</b> Agriculture pests & diseases	<b>Agency:</b> 090-Office of State Treasurer
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## Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
General Fund-State 001-1		(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)		
Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account-State New-1		2,000,000	2,000,000		
<b>Total \$</b>					

### Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

### Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

SB 6036 creates the agricultural pest and disease response account, coupled with general fund as the recipient of the earnings from investments under RCW 43.84.092(4).

Upon the issuance of a declaration of emergency or a quarantine order, the state treasurer is directed to transfer from the general fund to the agricultural pest and disease response account amounts necessary to bring the balance to \$2 million based upon determination from the office of financial management. A transfer based on the determination may be made only once every fiscal year.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

### III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

## Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

### IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

### IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

### IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

## **Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6036 SB	<b>Title:</b> Agriculture pests & diseases	<b>Agency:</b> 105-Office of Financial Management
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Operating Expenditures from:**

NONE

**Estimated Capital Budget Impact:**

NONE

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

Section 2 - creates the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response account within the state treasury to be used for activities necessary to respond to emerging agricultural pest and disease threats. By October 1st following any fiscal year in which expenditures were made from the account, the Department of Agriculture must provide OFM with a close-out summary of expenditures authorized for that fiscal year. Receiving this information will not have a fiscal impact on OFM.

Section 3 - upon issuance of an order of emergency or quarantine order of an infestation of plant pests or plant diseases, OFM must determine and promptly notify the State Treasurer of the amount needed to transfer from the General Fund into the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response account to bring the balance to \$2,000,000. The requirements of this section can be accomplished within current duties and resources and therefore has no fiscal impact on OFM.

Section 6 - has a null and void clause if funding is not provided for this bill in the omnibus appropriations act by June 30, 2024.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

### III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

## Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

### IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

### IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

**IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*



# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6036 SB	<b>Title:</b> Agriculture pests & diseases	<b>Agency:</b> 303-Department of Health
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Operating Expenditures from:**

NONE

**Estimated Capital Budget Impact:**

NONE

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- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

Companion Bill SB 6036 does not directly impose fiscal responsibilities on Department of Health. The bill establishes the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account, funded through various sources, for responding to agricultural pest and disease emergencies. It outlines emergency response measures and governance for the use of these funds. While it addresses public health concerns indirectly through pest and disease control, the bill's financial implications are centered on agricultural aspects and do not directly involve the Department of Health's budget. This bill has no fiscal impact to Department of Health.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

None

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

None

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

### III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

## Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

### IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

### IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

### IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

None

## **Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

None

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6036 SB	<b>Title:</b> Agriculture pests & diseases	<b>Agency:</b> 461-Department of Ecology
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## Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Operating Expenditures from:**

NONE

**Estimated Capital Budget Impact:**

NONE

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- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

Under current law, RCW 17.24.171, if the Governor declares an emergency due to infestation of plant pests or plant diseases that seriously endanger the agricultural or horticultural industries of the state or that seriously threaten life, health, economic wellbeing, or the environment, the Director of the Department of Agriculture may appoint a committee to advise the Governor. Depending on the situation, Ecology may be invited to participate.

This bill would create the agricultural pest and disease response account, establish the process for general fund transfers to the new account when an emergency under RCW 17.24.171 is declared, and clarify the entities that would be invited to participate on the committee.

Section 4 would amend RCW 17.24.171 to clarify the entities that Department of Agriculture would invite to participate on the committee to advise the Governor during an emergency declaration related to agricultural pest and disease.

Ecology is not specifically identified in the bill and the bill amendments do not impose new impacts to Ecology. Under Section 4, Ecology would potentially be invited to participate in an emergency committee, similar to current law; Ecology can be invited to the committee if the emergency declared had Ecology purview. If pesticide treatments that result in discharges to waters of the state are necessary to achieve adequate control of pests, Ecology would work with the Department of Agriculture staff to ensure they have the proper National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit coverage. Issuing permit coverage is an existing responsibility for Water Quality permit staff and therefore, Ecology assumes no fiscal impact.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

### II. C - Expenditures

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## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

### III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

## **Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**

### **IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures**

NONE

### **IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

NONE

### **IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

### **IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

## **Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Revised

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6036 SB	<b>Title:</b> Agriculture pests & diseases	<b>Agency:</b> 495-Department of Agriculture
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## Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Operating Expenditures from:**

**Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.**

**Estimated Capital Budget Impact:**

NONE

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

Under current law, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) monitors and responds to agricultural pest and disease outbreaks in Washington State. The proposed legislation would create a dedicated funding source to address emerging agricultural pest and disease issues.

Section 2 would create the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account, an appropriated account dedicated for the purpose of funding emerging agricultural pest and disease response activities. Following a declaration of emergency or issuance of a quarantine order, expenditures from the account would be authorized for response activities. Section 2 (3) would require WSDA to provide the Office of Financial Management (OFM) a close-out cost summary of expenditures by October 1st following the fiscal year in which response expenditures were made.

Section 3 would provide that funds could only be transferred to the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account upon the issuance of a declaration of emergency or quarantine order, and transfers could only occur once every fiscal year. Upon issuance of emergency or quarantine order, the State Treasurer would transfer funds from the General Fund to the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account, in amount up to \$2,000,000, as determined by OFM.

Section 4 would require invitations to participate on the committee authorized in this section to include federally-recognized Tribes.

Section 5 would change the minimum interval for reporting emergency measures to the Governor from ten to sixty days.

Section 6 would declare the act null and void, if funding were not provided in the budget for the purposes of the act by June 30, 2024.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

Section 2 would create an Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account, and section 3 would provide that funds could only be transferred to the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account upon the issuance of a declaration of emergency or quarantine order, and transfers could only occur once every fiscal year. Upon issuance of emergency or quarantine order, the State Treasurer would transfer funds from the General Fund to the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account, in amount up to \$2,000,000, as determined by OFM. Because the transfer authorized in section 3 would be performed by the Treasurer, Washington State Department of Agriculture would not have a cash receipts impact.

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

Section 2 would create the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account (Response Account), an appropriated account dedicated for the purpose of funding emerging agricultural pest and disease response activities. Following a declaration of emergency or issuance of a quarantine order, expenditures from the account would be authorized for response activities. Section 3 would authorize a fund transfer in amount up to \$2,000,000, as determined by OFM, following a declaration of emergency or issuance of a quarantine order. Section 6 would declare the act null and void, if funding were not provided in the budget for the purposes of the act by June 30, 2024.

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) assumes ongoing spending authority in the amount of \$2,000,000



would be provided in the Response Account by OFM after a declaration of emergency or issuance of quarantine order, and transfer of funding by the State Treasurer in sections 2 and 3.

Because the funding would be used for emergency response activities, specific response measures and associated costs cannot be estimated. All costs and expenditures would be indeterminate, due to the uncertain nature and timing of an emergency response event or quarantine order.

Section 2 (3) would require annual reporting to OFM in October following the fiscal year during which expenditures were made in the Response Account, section 4 would require invitations to participate on the committee authorized in this section to include federally-recognized Tribes, and section 5 would change the minimum interval for reporting emergency measures to the Governor from ten to sixty days. WSDA assumes fiscal impacts for sections 2 (3), section 4, and section 5 would be minimal, and would utilize current law spending authority and resources.

### Part III: Expenditure Detail

#### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

#### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

#### III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

### Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

#### IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

#### IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

#### IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

### Part V: New Rule Making Required

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 6036 SB

Title: Agriculture pests & diseases

## Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

### Legislation Impacts:

Cities: Cities are eligible for agricultural pest and disease response financial assistance if a qualifying activity occurs during an emergency declaration or quarantine. City representatives may be a part of the Department of Agriculture's advisory committee on the emergency pest and disease management.

Counties: Same as above.

Special Districts: Same as above for agricultural pest districts.

Specific jurisdictions only:

Variance occurs due to:

## Part II: Estimates

No fiscal impacts.

Expenditures represent one-time costs:

Legislation provides local option:

Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time: Frequency, duration, or magnitude of agricultural pest and disease response.

### Estimated revenue impacts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

### Estimated expenditure impacts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

## Part III: Preparation and Approval

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Agency Approval: Allan Johnson	Phone: 360-725-5033	Date: 01/11/2024
OFM Review: Matthew Hunter	Phone: (360) 529-7078	Date: 01/11/2024

## **Part IV: Analysis**

### **A. SUMMARY OF BILL**

*Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.*

Local governments in Washington State would be affected by the changes in this bill through enhanced responsibilities and potential involvement in responding to agricultural pest and disease emergencies. There are also financial implications related to funding and managing the response of such emergencies.

Instead of requiring certain entities to be represented on the advisory committee to review emergency measures in the case of a declared emergency due to plant pests or diseases, the bill specifies that invitations to participate on the advisory committee must be made to local governments, public health interests, and technical service providers.

Sec. 2 establishes the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account (APDRA) in the state treasury. This account would receive funds from various sources for the purposes of funding activities to respond to emerging agricultural pest and disease threats. The expenditures from this account, which would require appropriation from the legislature, are to be used only for the activities necessary to protect the state's food and agricultural economy, public health, and the environment, in response to declared emergencies or quarantine orders.

Sec. 3 specifies that upon a declaration of emergency or a quarantine order, the state treasurer will transfer funds from the general fund into the APDRA, up to a balance of \$2 million. The Office of Financial Management would make a determination once every fiscal year to make such a transfer.

Sec. 4 amends existing law to enhance the director of the Department of Agriculture's authority in case of imminent danger from plant pests or diseases. This includes the power to request the governor to order emergency measures, appoint a committee for advising and reviewing necessary measures, implement emergency measures including aerial pesticide application, and enter into agreements to control or eradicate plant pests or diseases. The director is required to continually evaluate emergency measures and advise the governor on emergency decisions.

Sec. 6 is a null and void clause pending appropriation for the specific purposes of this act by June 30, 2024.

The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed. However, the bill is null and void unless funded in the budget.

### **B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS**

*Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.*

This legislation would have an indeterminate, but non-zero, expenditure impact on cities, towns, counties, and special districts, such as agricultural pest districts. The types and number of effected local governments would depend on several factors including but not limited to, the type of pest and disease causes the emergency or quarantine order, what type of emergency measures are required, the location of the emergency.

Financial Assistance:

Sec. 2 of this act establishes the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account (APDRA) in the state treasury. Local governments are among the entities that could receive funding from this account in the event that there is a qualifying activity that occurs within the boundary of their unit of local government during a declared emergency or quarantine orders. Financial assistance to assist state efforts in the

Participation in the WSDA Director's Advisory Committee

Sec. 4 modifies the procedure for selecting emergency advisory committee members that would support the director of the Department of Agriculture and the governor. Local governments are among the entities that could be appointed to the advisory committee. Volunteers from towns, cities, counties, or special districts that are impacted by declared emergency

or quarantine order would be doing so within the existing capacity of their position. These meetings, the frequency of which cannot be determined in advance, which would likely carry de minimis costs, unless travel was essential to their involvement.

The bill is null and void unless funded in the budget.

### **C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS**

*Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.*

This legislation would have an indeterminate, but non-zero, revenue impact on cities, towns, counties, and special districts, such as agricultural pest districts. The types and number of effected local governments would depend on several factors including but not limited to, the type of pest and disease causes the emergency or quarantine order, what type of emergency measures are required, the location of the emergency.

#### Financial Assistance:

This act establishes the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account (APDRA) in the state treasury. Local governments could receive funding from this account in the event that there is a qualifying activity that occurs within the boundary of their unit of local government. These necessary activities are include protecting the state's food and agricultural economy, its public health, and the environment, in response to declared emergencies or quarantine orders.

The highest funding level of the APDRA is \$2 million per fiscal year, and there is no stated maximum amount that any one entity may receive. The local government fiscal impact could therefore be up to \$2 million per fiscal year.

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