



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 2139

PRINTER'S NO: 3147

PRIME SPONSOR: Myers

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 2139 creates a Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) under the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA). The legislation authorizes the PDA to make contracts for development and operation of donated food products to Commonwealth's food assistance network and food banks.

The bill takes effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

The bill has no current fiscal year costs. The proposed PASS program will not be implemented until an appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for the program.

In 2007, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) had awarded PDA a small grant (\$50,000) to operate a federal funded pilot PASS program. This pilot provides a model for this PASS legislation. The program will link healthy surplus food from Pennsylvania's agriculture community/industry to needy citizens.

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