



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2309

PRINTER'S NO. 3281

PRIME SPONSOR: Kinkead

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: HB 2309 PN 3130 establishes the Dairy Margin Coverage Program Financial Assistance. This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends a number of Sections within Title 3 (Agriculture) Chapter 47 (Crop Insurance) to create the Dairy Margin Coverage Program Financial Assistance. Amended sections include:

Section 4701

Changes the definition of Chapter 47 to Crop Insurance and Risk Management Act;

Section 4702, 4704, and 4705

Changes include risk management, as part of articulated language;

Section 4703

Changes the definition of Agricultural Commodity to the one defined under the Right-to-Farm Law (Act 133 of 1982);

Section 4706.1

Establishes the program within the Department of Agriculture, which would provide financial assistance to eligible producers to partially offset Federal risk management programs. Furthermore, language provides that funding can be utilized to assist producers with enrolling, initial purchasing, and purchasing additional levels of coverage, or to offset program participation costs. Additionally, the bill requires the department to give priority to new producers to purchase Dairy Margin Coverage. Lastly, the legislation requires the department to develop and establish program guidelines and eligibility criteria, in consultation with the Center of Dairy Excellence.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation provides the framework for a state Dairy Margin Coverage Program Financial Assistance program but does not include an appropriation. As a result, the fiscal impact from enactment of this legislation would be a function of whether any amount is appropriated by the General Assembly for administering the program. An appropriated amount would enable the Department of Agriculture to carry out the program, cover administrative costs, and provide funding to grantees.

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