



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
**STATE and LOCAL
 FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Schwartz
 Rep. Rose

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Bill Status: Senate Agriculture
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE BIOLOGICAL PEST CONTROL CASH FUND.

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2007-2008 | FY 2008-2009 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| State Revenue | | |
| Cash Funds – Biological Pest Control Fund | \$ 23,028 | \$ 23,028 |
| State Expenditures | | |
| Cash Funds – Biological Pest Control Fund | \$ 23,011 | \$ 23,011 |
| FTE Position Change | 0.0 FTE | 0.0 FTE |
| Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor. | | |
| Appropriation Summary for FY 2007-2008: See State Appropriations section. | | |
| Local Government Impact: Local governments will now need to pay fees for insect services, if used. | | |

Summary of Legislation

The Colorado Department of Agriculture provides insects to residents to help suppress weed and insect pests for free. Insects are raised in the state insectary, which is part of the Biological Pest Control Program. These insects are typically either mailed to the requesting party or delivered in person to the release site.

This bill creates the Biological Pest Control Cash Fund and permits the Agriculture Commission to set and collect fees for the insects provided through the Biological Pest Control Program.

State Revenue

Total annual revenue from supplying insects through the program is estimated at \$23,016. Revenue is generated from fees charged for the delivery of insects, as discussed in the next section.

Fee Impact on Individuals, Families or Business

Section 2-2-322, C.R.S., requires legislative service agency review of measures which create or increase any fee collected by a state agency. The table below identifies the fee impact of this bill.

| Table 1. Fee Impact on Individuals, Families or Business | | | |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Type of Fee | Proposed Fee | Number Affected | Total Fee Impact |
| Insect Shipments | \$24.50 | 535 | \$13,108 |
| Insect Releases | \$40.00 | 248 | 9,920 |
| TOTAL | | | \$23,028 |

Fees are set to offset the program costs described in the State Expenditures section. Per the bill, any fees generated by the biological control program are to supplement existing General Fund appropriations.

State Expenditures

Total annual state expenditures are estimated at \$23,011 beginning in FY 2007-08. Department costs are for packaging supplies (\$6,309), postage (\$6,782), and travel (\$9,920). These costs will be covered by fee revenue, thereby allowing existing General Fund appropriations to be used for other program activities. For FY 2007-08, the department is requesting General Fund support of \$488,939 and 6.0 FTE.

Local Government Impact

Local governments that use the state's insectary services will now be required to pay the fees associated with shipped or directly released insects.

State Appropriations

This fiscal note indicates an appropriation of \$23,011 to the Department of Agriculture from the Biological Pest Control Fund in FY 2007-08.

Departments Contacted

Agriculture

Treasury