

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Rick Hardcastle, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1413** by Deuell (Relating to certain powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture and other entities engaged in agricultural activities. ), **Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would abolish the Farm and Ranch Loan Security Fund, which is inactive with a zero balance; and it would repeal various provisions of the Agriculture Code relating to procedures and programs no longer used. Further it would allow the Department of Agriculture (TDA) to process animals and animal products transported in international trade, and to collect fees to cover the processing costs. TDA does not anticipate this provision to have a significant fiscal impact to the state.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 551 Department of Agriculture

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