

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB482** by Rodriguez (Relating to programs to increase the availability of fresh produce to, and the purchase and consumption of fresh produce by, certain low-income individuals.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would establish the Small Retailers Competitive Grant Program at the Department of Agriculture (TDA) to increase the availability of fresh produce to, and the purchase and consumption of fresh produce by, certain low-income individuals.

The bill would also establish the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program for Seniors at TDA to provide low-income persons who are 60 years of age or older with fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs through farmers' markets and other local venues, contingent on federal funding.

TDA estimates there would be a minimal cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 551 Department of Agriculture

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