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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: HB571 by England (Relating to permitting an owner, occupant, or lessee of agricultural land who is a certified prescribed burn manager to conduct a prescribed burn.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would make prescribed burn managers not liable for property damage or for injury or death to persons due to prescribed burning conducted on the land owned by, leased by, or occupied by the prescribed burn manager.

The Department of Agriculture indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house; otherwise it 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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