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TO: Honorable Rick Hardcastle, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

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

IN RE: HB2669 by Miles (Relating to the creation of an advisory committee to study urban farming.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2669, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$176,516) through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	(\$92,258)
2013	(\$84,258)
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2011
2012	(\$92,258)	1.0
2013	(\$84,258)	1.0
2014	\$0	0.0
2015	\$0	0.0
2016	\$0	0.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would create the Urban Farm Advisory Committee to study and provide recommendations to the legislature regarding urban farms in the state. The advisory committee would be abolished on September 1, 2013.

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, 2011.

Methodology

Based on information provided by the Department of Agriculture, one FTE would be required to implement the provisions of the bill. The annual salary for this position would be \$60,750, with

estimated annual benefits costs of \$16,925. Related travel, equipment, and other operating expenses are estimated to be \$14,583 in fiscal year 2012 and \$6,583 in fiscal year 2013.

Technology

The cost for computer equipment, software, and data center services would be \$4,700 in fiscal year 2012 and \$1,200 in fiscal year 2013.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture

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