

HF3508 - 0 - DAIRI Program Eligibility Modified

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
		FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total			-		-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total			-		-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total			-		-

Bill Description

This bill modifies eligibility for the Dairy Assistance, Investment, and Relief Initiative (DAIRI) program by expanding eligibility to farms that have started producing milk since 2022 and clarifying that farms that only marketed milk for part of 2022 are eligible.

The proposal specifically makes farms that did not market milk in 2022 or only for a portion of 2022 eligible for DAIRI payments. The language further requires the commissioner to make DAIRI payments for these farms based on their established production history in USDA’s Dairy Margin Coverage program.

Assumptions

We think there were 30-240 new dairy cow operations between 2023 and 2025.

The MDA assumes there will not be additional costs to the agency to administer DAIRI due to the change. DAIRI is funded with \$3 million of AGRI funding; the new language does not impact the program’s funding amount.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

NA

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

NA

Local Fiscal Impact

NA

References/Sources

NA

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