

**HF2577 - 0 - Agricultural Waste Handling Regulations Modified**

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
<b>Local Fiscal Impact</b>		
		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) Dollars in Thousands	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
<b>General Fund</b>	-	155	155	155	155
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>310</b>		<b>310</b>

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
General Fund	-	1	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**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**

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

<b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>		<b>Biennium</b>			<b>Biennium</b>	
<b>Dollars in Thousands</b>		<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>FY2028</b>	<b>FY2029</b>
General Fund	-	155	155	155	155	155
<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>				<b>310</b>		<b>310</b>
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
General Fund	-	155	155	155	155	155
<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>				<b>310</b>		<b>310</b>
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>				<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>

**Bill Description**

This bill modifies agricultural waste handling regulations, requires record retention of sewage sludge transfers, and amends Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 18C.111, subdivisions 2, 4, 5; 18C.135, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 18C.201, subdivisions 1, 5; 18C.61.

This bill removes language from 18C.111, subd. 4 that is no longer relevant.

This bill adds language to MN Stat. 18C.111, subd. 5 which allows the commissioner to review records of sewage sludge transfers to investigate PFAS contamination or carry out any other duty in MN Stat. 18C.

This bill requires parties receiving or transferring sewage sludge to maintain a record of the transaction which includes the date, amount, and parties involved. Records must be made available to the commissioner upon request.

This bill requires a person to store, handle, distribute, or dispose of fertilizer, rinsate, fertilizer container, or fertilizer application equipment in a manner that does not endanger humans, damage agricultural products, food, feed, livestock, aquatic life, or wildlife.

This bill modifies MN Stat. 18C.201, subd. 5 to state an open burn of fertilizer has an unreasonable adverse effect of on the environment.

This bill modifies MN Stat. 18C.61 by including animal waste and sewage sludge in the list of things that may not be applied to impervious surfaces.

**Assumptions**

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) assumes regulatory authority over bulk sewage sludge will remain under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s (MPCA) jurisdiction. The MDA also assumes that all municipal wastewater treatment facilities will be in compliance with Minnesota’s PFAS Biosolids Strategy which was created and is implemented by the MPCA. The MDA will need to cooperate with municipal wastewater treatment facilities or sewage sludge manufacturers (if they are not one in the same) to obtain sewage sludge transfer records when records are needed to carry out a duty listed in MN Stat. Chapter 18C. The MDA assumes sewage sludge transfer records for bagged specialty fertilizer products will be made available by the product manufacturer upon request.

There are currently (as of March, 2025) over 4,500 specialty fertilizer products registered with the MDA. The number of

specialty fertilizer products containing sewage sludge is not known at this time. A label review of each product would be necessary in order to determine the number of products containing sewage sludge, and therefore the number of transfer records that may need to be examined.

A party transferring sewage sludge must maintain records. This includes growers or applicators spreading sewage sludge on agricultural lands. These records will be subject to inspections and enforcement as stated in MN Stat. Chapter 18D.201. A full-time inspection and enforcement agricultural consultant will be needed in order to conduct these inspections once the bill goes in to effect.

The MDA assumes the burning of fertilizer will fall under the MPCA's jurisdiction as a prohibited material.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

It is assumed the Department will need 1 regulatory program FTEs to implement this bill.

- 1.0 FTE (Ag Consultant) for inspection and enforcement activities. This will include marketplace inspections, investigation of complaints, and conducting routine facility inspections. This will also include the enforcement on any violations.

	FY	26	27	28	29
I&E Agricultural Consultant	Salary= \$98,240 Fringe=\$41,075	1	1	1	1
	<i>Subtotal</i>	139,315	139,315	139,315	139,315
Other operating such as rent, communications, supplies for above staff		\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
Centralized IT Services		\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
	<b>Total</b>	\$154,815	\$154,815	\$154,815	\$154,815

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

N/A

**Local Fiscal Impact**

N/A

**References/Sources**

N/A

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