

HF858 - 0 - Bioincentive Payment Requirements 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) Dollars in Thousands	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
General Fund	-	76	70	70	70
Total	-	76	70	70	70
Biennial Total			146		140

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
General Fund	-	.12	.08	.08	.08
Total	-	.12	.08	.08	.08

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
General Fund	-	76	70	70	70	70
Total	-	76	70	70	70	70
	Biennial Total		146			140
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
General Fund	-	76	70	70	70	70
Total	-	76	70	70	70	70
	Biennial Total		146			140
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total		-			-

Bill Description

This bill modifies requirements of MDA’s incentive programs (Minn. Statutes 41A.16 41A.18 and 41A.20 41A.21) by requiring program participants (producers) receiving a production claim reimbursement provide the following to MDA annually:

1. The producer’s business structure;
2. The name and address of the producer’s parent company if any;
3. A cumulative list of all financial assistance received from all grantors for the project;
4. Goals for the number of jobs created and progress in achieving these goals, which may include separate goals for the number of part-time or full-time jobs, or, in cases where job loss is specific and demonstrable, goals for the number of jobs retained;
5. Equity hiring goals and progress in achieving these goals;
6. Wage goals and progress in achieving these goals for all jobs created or maintained by the producer;
7. Board member and executive compensation;
8. Evidence of compliance with environmental permits;
9. The producer’s intended and actual use of payments received from the commissioner; and
10. If applicable, the latest financial audit opinion statement produced by a certified public accountant in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The information submitted to MDA must be included in the agency’s annual legislative report on Incentive Programs. The legislative report must be submitted to committees with jurisdiction over environment policy and finance and agricultural policy and finance.

Assumptions

As of February 2025, there are 14 producers participating in MDA’s bioincentive programs.

Tasks required of state program staff to comply with new statutory reporting requirements include developing guidance for producers, soliciting required information annually, responding to producer questions and providing technical assistance, reviewing submissions for completeness and accuracy, and incorporating required information into the annual legislative report.

MDA estimates it will take 100 hours to develop guidance, criteria, and quality standards for producers’ information submissions.

MDA estimates it will take 12 hours of work per producer per year to solicit, compile, review, and report on the new statutory requirements.

MDA will seek a Professional/Technical (PT) contract for conducting necessary accessibility and remediation work on the

documents submitted by producers for inclusion in the legislative report. These documents must be made accessible for inclusion in the annual legislative report. The largest of these documents are the financial audits. In MDA's experience, financial audit statements approximately 125 pages long. Based on previous PT contracts for accessibility work, it will cost approximately \$4,125 per financial audit.

We assume the effective date of the bill is July 1, 2025.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Expenditure (Actual Dollars)	Amount	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Salary & Fringe:		FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
SPA Principal	125,000	0.12	0.08	0.08	0.08
	FTE	0.12	0.08	0.08	0.08
	Subtotal	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Other Operating Costs:					
Supplies/Communication/Other		363	242	242	242
PT Contract	PT Contract	57,750	57,750	57,750	57,750
Space rent (cubicle)	21,830	2,620	1,746	1,746	1,746
	Subtotal	60,732	59,738	59,738	59,738
Expenditures	Total	75,732	69,738	69,738	69,738
Fiscal Tracking (Dollars in Thousands)		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Impact:					
Expenditure		75,732	69,738	69,738	69,738
Revenue		0	0	0	0
Annual Cost (Savings)		75,732	69,738	69,738	69,738
Cumulative Cost (Savings)		75,732	145,470	215,209	284,947

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

One long-term fiscal consideration of note is that the Bioincentive Programs sunset in 2025. Eligible producers or facilities can enter the program until June 30, 2025. Once a producer enters the program, they are eligible to receive claim reimbursement payments for 10 years. The statutory changes proposed in HF 858 requires MDA to collect information from program participants every year they receive a claim reimbursement. Of the current producers in the program, 1 will receive payments through FY27, 4 will receive payments through FY28, 3 will receive payments through FY29, 3 will receive payments through FY31, 2 will receive payments through FY32, and 1 will receive payments through FY33. Agency costs associated with the proposed statutory requirements would continue through FY33, although costs would decrease over time as each producer's 10 years of eligibility expires.

Local Fiscal Impact

NA

References/Sources

NA

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