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**HB16-1163**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 16-0910  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Rankin  
Sen. Grantham

**Date:** July 20, 2016  
**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**BILL TOPIC:** APPROPRIATIONS FROM NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT FUND

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload reduction.	
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing minimal workload reduction.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill specifies that all state moneys in the Noxious Weed Management Fund are subject to annual appropriations and that any unexpended and unencumbered moneys from an appropriation from the fund remain available for expenditure by the Department of Agriculture in the next fiscal year without further appropriation.

**Background**

The Noxious Weed Management Fund provides funding support to the Noxious Weed Management Grant Program administered by the Conservation Services Division in the Department of Agriculture. Due to the program's grant cycle, the seasonal nature of weed growth, and current statutory restrictions on the fund, the program may not be able to fully utilize its appropriated funds within a given fiscal year. Currently, the fund is subject to annual appropriation of spending authority and the department is not allowed to spend money appropriated in the current fiscal year in subsequent fiscal years. As a result, any money unspent at the end of a fiscal year reverts to the fund, even if that money has previously been obligated for grant awards.

**State Expenditures**

This bill will result in a minimal workload reduction for the Department of Agriculture when administering noxious weed management grants that span two fiscal years. By making the funds available in a subsequent fiscal year, the department doesn't need to award a second grant for the continuation of one grant project. This workload reduction does not require a reduction in appropriations.

## Local Government Impact

This bill will also reduce workload for grant recipients that will now administer single grants that cover an entire growing cycle.

## Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 12, 2016.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture                      Information Technology

## Research Note Available

An LCS Research Note for HB16-1163 is available online and through the iLegislate app. Research notes provide additional policy and background information about the bill and summarize action taken by the General Assembly concerning the bill.