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SB17-109

**REVISED
FISCAL NOTE**

(replaces fiscal note dated February 6, 2017)

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

Drafting Number: LLS 17-0584
Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Donovan
Rep. Arndt

Date: February 22, 2017
Bill Status: House Agriculture
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BILL TOPIC: INDUSTRIAL HEMP ANIMAL FEED

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase. See State Expenditures section.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The **reengrossed** bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to create a working group to study the feasibility of including hemp products in animal feed. The bill identifies the representation required of group members and requires that the group reach its conclusions and make any legislative recommendations by December 31, 2017.

Background

Industrial hemp means a plant of the genus Cannabis and any part of the plant, whether growing or not, containing a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of no more than 0.3% on a dry weight basis. The 2014 federal farm bill allows farmers in states with industrial hemp legislation to grow and harvest hemp in conjunction with their state departments of agriculture. The Colorado Department of Agriculture began administering a registration program for industrial hemp growers in 2014.

State Expenditures

This bill will increase workload for the Department of Agriculture, one or more institutions of higher education, the Department of Law, and any other state agency from which a group member is appointed to attend meetings and formulate legislative recommendations. No compensation is identified for the group and the fiscal note assumes that the Department of Agriculture will provide staffing support for the group. Any legal services provided by the Department of Law are expected to be minimal and within the current agency appropriation. All other workload can also be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture

Higher Education

Information Technology

Law

Research Note Available

An LCS Research Note for SB17-109 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.